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Arrow test 'a success'

STEVE RODAN and ON LEVY

ISRAEL fired the Arrow-2 antiballistic missile yesterday in a demonstration test that was deemed a complete success, officials said.

"All of the goals we set were achieved and thus we advanced another step toward an opera-tional system," said Moshe Keret, director-general of Israel Aircraft Industries, Arrow's main contractor.

Defense officials said the Arrow-2, the operational model of the missile, was launched at 3:07 p.m. from a base at Palmahim. The Arrow's flight lasted about 50 seconds, and the missile was then detonated and fell into the Mediterranean.

As in the first demonstration of the Arrow in July, which lasted six seconds and was termed a success, yesterday's test did not seek to intercept an incoming missile. Instead, the Arrow-2 was shot ty toward the sun in a test of Arrow's optic sensor.

Officials said seconds after the missile was fired the first stage of the Arrow separated as planned. The missile continued until ground control shut off its motor and the Arrow was directed through a series of maneuvers.

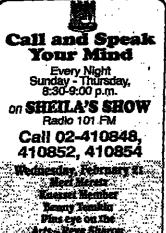
IAI's Keret said the Arrow-2 was directed toward an imaginary target contained in a computer simulation program on the ground. He said the missile intercepted the enemy missile in the

The most important part of the test, defense sources say, was the first demonstration of the Israelimanufactured Oren Yarok, or Green Pine, radar. The radar is meant to be part of the Arrow battery and was said to have suc-

ceeded in following the flight. Defense sources said the radar, produced by Elta Electronic Industries, a subsidiary of IAI, could provide Israel with the ability to monitor Scud missile launches from a range used by fraq during the Gulf War in 1991.

Officials said the next test of Arrow 2, scheduled for later this year, will try to intercept an incoming missile. This will be the first of a series of four tests of the missile program in an effort to prepare for deployment of the first anti-missile defense battery

Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres praised the successful test and said the Arrow program represents a technological breakthrough.







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MK David Levy announces the formation of his new party, Gesher, at a press conference yesterday in Tel Aviv.

David Levy launches his Gesher party

MK David Levy yesterday officially launched his new party, Gesher (Bridge), announcing that after the elections he will be a partner to any government - Labor or Likud - which accepts Gesher's prin-

Presenting his new party at a press conference in Tel Aviv's Beit Sokolow, Levy dismissed surveys predicting him two to three mandates, stating that "according to our surveys, we have a potential of 20% of the undecided voters, which means seven to 10 mandates."

"Mark my words: no new government will be formed without us," Levy declarMICHAL YUDELMAN

Levy stressed that Gesher, a socialistnational party in the political center, will be a bridge between "the two polarities of the Left and Right. A bridge of tolerance, understanding and social sensitivity between Jews and Arabs, religious and secular, the metropolis and distant development townships."

Levy lashed out at both Prime Minister Shimon Peres and opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu, noting that "one candidate, the prime minister is walking running - in a mine field, leaving live mines behind him which may blow up any minute.

Facing him is the opposition leader, shooting from the hip in every direction without a definite line, without an

Levy made it clear that he has no intention of returning to the Likud. "I don't want to deal with the past. We have embarked on our way as an independent party, period. I don't want to deal with what going on in the Likud, all that is no longer relevant," he said.

Levy would not name other known figures on his list, apart from himself and MK David Magen, but denied reports that he had vetoed the participation of mayors and local

Elections finally set for May 29

EVELYN GORDON

ELECTION day will be May 29, the Knesset agreed vesterday after two weeks of bickering.

Since May 28 was the date which Prime Minister Shimon Peres originally said he wanted, little seems to have been changed in the debate over alternative dates, although both sides claimed a victory.

The date, a Wednesday, was finally settled after two stormy meetings of the Knesset Law Committee, at which committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) struggled to get an agreement. Zucker noted that his committee is working on a number of bills relating to the timetable of election preparations, which must be passed quickly, but which cannot be drawn up until an election date is set.

"This is beginning to be tidiculous," he said. "Is this is the most important issue for the Israeli public?"

Initially, Labor and Meretz advocated May 14, saying it was crucial to get a divisive campaign over with as soon as possible. The Likud, Tsomet, and the religious parties wanted June 4, saving they needed more time to cam-

The Right then changed its date to June 3, after Labor and Meretz objected that June 4, a memorial day, would hurt the

feelings of those who lost family in the Six Day War. However, the two parties then had to withdraw their own May 14 proposal, with very red faces, after Yitzhak Levy (NRP) pointed out that the state officially commemorates the Six Day War on its Hebrew date - which this year falls on May 14.

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The coalition then switched to May 20, until Zucker said the date would not leave enough time for new parties to finish the lengthy registration process.

"Advancing the timetable [this far] will prevent parties from registering," he said. "Does anyone want to be responsible for this? I don't. I have no doubt about what the courts would say - and Central Elections Committee

representatives backed up Zucker's argument. May 28 was the earliest feasible date, they said, and even this was borderline.

Furthermore, noted Arych Deri (Shas), Labor and Likud were both reportedly willing to accept May 28 last week. What, he asked, happened since then?

When it became clear no agreement was on the horizon. the committee broke for three hours. When it resumed, however, no one had budged.

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen claimed there was no point continuing and suggested letting the plenum - with

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Peres: Many people in Israel want to murder ministers

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres stopped just short of accusing the Likud of incitement during a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee

Beyond all doubt there are many people in Israel who want to murder ministers. It's a matter of thousands who are either planning or prepared to kill ministers. Where do you exactly draw the line between calling someone a traitor and saying '[he will] divide Jerusalem?"

"These statements lead to [other) statements I've already heard: Peres wants to burn Jerusalem," Peres told the committee.

Peres dismissed the accusation by MK Ariel Sharon (Likud) that ministers are waiting in line to receive threats to gain publicity and public sympathy.

Outside the meeting. Peres told reporters "scores, hundreds and thousands" are prepared to harm him and his cabinet colleagues, and rejected the Likud-Tsomet campaign "Peres will divide Jemsalem."

"I know no one who is prepared to partition Jerusalem. I don't understand the Likud's logic in telling the whole world and the Arabs, 'Don't give up on the Jerusalem issue, half the country wants to divide it.' The Labor Party is clear on this. We're in favor of a united Jerusalem, Israel's capital. There will not be two governments in Jerusalem, there will not be two administrations in

Jerusalem," Peres said. Peres had intended to present a full review to the committee, but finding only five MKs present changed the format to a question

FOUR years after he rioted and

disturbed the peace in Hebron.

nearly a year after going on trial

for the incident, and two months

after being convicted, Rabbi

Moshe Levinger yesterday was a

man in search of a jail

For the second day in a row

Levinger showed up at the jail-

er's door, only to be told that

the paperwork needed to incar-

cerate him was not in order.

LIAT COLLINS

He said Israel is insisting that no Palestinian Authority activities take place in eastern Jerusalem, and that three offices have been removed: the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics, the Palestinian Broadcasting Authority and the Health Council.

However, at least one of the three PA offices in Jerusalem that Peres said was closed remains open, a senior researcher with Peace Watch said yesterday.

The Palestinian Health Council still operates in eastern Jerusalem, despite a warning by the government last year it must leave the city, said Ziv Hellman, who co-authored "Institutions of the PA in Jerusalem" for Peace Watch, a non-partisan monitor-

Hellman said he spoke with council officials last week, and they maintained they had no connection with the PA. The government in the past has rejected this

Peace Watch last year found eight other PA affiliated organizations, including the PA's ministry for religious affairs, operating in Jerusalem, in violation of the

Answering Nissim Zvilli (Labor), Peres said he would not oppose Orient House serving the local Palestinian population and tried to soften the ban on foreign minister visits there issued this week by Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal. "If foreign ministers want to visit Arab residents of Jerusalem we can't prevent them whether it's at Orient House or at the King David [Hotell." He said Israel cannot lodge

a formal complaint against Faisal Husseini as he did not stand for election, is not a member of the Palestinian National Council and is not a minister. But "Israel will absolutely not allow Jerusalem to

become part of the autonomous

areas," he said. "There is no place in Jerusalem for Jibril Rajoub or his men," Peres told Emmanuel Zissman (Labor, Third Way). He said he had ordered Shahai to take any necessary action to prevent the operations of Rajoub's security

orces in the city. Peres told Ran Cohen (Meretz), there are still fears of a terror attack by two organized groups in Judea and Samaria and two in Gaza, and the closure would remain in effect. He also told Cohen Israel had sent the Palestinians a message "not to interfere in our elections as we didn't interfere in yours."

Regarding the wall being built around Rachel Tomb's near Bethlehem. Peres said he did not know who had ordered its construction and that it was "pointless" and showed a "lack of judgement." He said government coordinator in the territories Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor had examined the site and determined a one-meter high separation would be sufficient.

The prime minister said settlement of Betar would continue and 900 housing units are in the planning stage. Regarding Kiryat Sefer, Peres said the ministerial committee would decide when and how construction would take place. He assured Zissman that Ma'aleh Adumim would remain under Israeli sovereignty. Bill Hutman contributed to this

Hizbullah 'kamikaze' blows up over security zone

A HIZBULLAH suicide bomber piloting a motorized hangglider, apparently on his way to carry out an attack, blew up in midair vesterday afternoon near the security zone.

The blast was seen by IDF and South Lebanese Army soldiers, as well as residents of the zone and UNIFIL soldiers stationed in the region. Army sources said it is not clear whether the attack was aimed at a settlement in northern Israel or IDF and SLA targets in the zone.

The IDF Spokesman said the glider exploded near Majdal Salim village, just beyond the security zone's northern perimeter. The spokesman said it had probably been used for a suicide mission, since it had been carrying a large amount of explo-

Military sources said it seems likely the attempt had been mounted by Hizbullah. If so, this would be the first time the extremist Shi'ite organization has tried to mount an attack from the air. The sources noted, however, that Hizbullah has recently been trying to mount sophisticated operations, such as the abortive car bomb attack three weeks ago in the Markabeh region of the security zone. The car blew up prematurely, killing only the driver.

After the explosion a full alert was sounded along the length of the northern border and helicopter gunships were sent up in case of further attempts. Residents of northern towns and villages were not, however, instructed to move into bomb shelters or security rooms. Lebanese sources said it ap**DAVID RUDGE**

pears the hang glider had flown towards the security zone at a low altitude and with a muted engine. The reason why it exploded prematurely and why the attack was launched at 4 p.m. in daylight is unclear.

The last hang-glider attack oc-curred in November 1987, when two or three of them manned by members of Ahmed libril's PFLP-General Command tried to infiltrate Israel. One of them came down inside the zone and the pilot was killed. Another succeeded in crossing the border and landed near Kiryat Shmona. The heavily-armed gunman/pilot managed to enter a nearby Nahal army camp, where he killed six soldiers and wounded seven others before being shot

The incident last night has once again raised the question of whether Syria is exerting its influence to restrain Hizbullah. A senior IDF officer noted recently that Syria does indeed have some influence on the organization, but does not have control over Hizbullah.

Meanwhile, fighting occurred

in other parts of the security zone yesterday, when gunmen opened fire with light weapons ai two South Lebanese Army positions in the eastern sector.

In another incident, another SLA outpost in the Jezzine region, north of the zone, came under mortar fire. There were no casualties in any of the attacks and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Hizbullah yesterday announced it is releasing three SLA soldiers in a gesture to mark the Id al-Fitr holiday. The three were turned over to their relatives in Bir al-Abd, one of the Hizbullah strongholds in the southern part of Beirut.

"The release of the three captives expresses our positive approach to those who decide to desert from the SLA," Hizbullah announced. Military sources here said that some 200 SLA soldiers. about 8 percent of the force, have deserted since 1994, and some may have joined Hizbullah.

One of those released, Maurice Abu Maihab, a Christian who converted to Islam while he was imprisoned by Hizbullah, said he was treated well. He had been captured in 1986.

Levinger still a prisoner without a prison

the court," said Levinger's son Efraim. "They said his file had been lost."

The day before, Levinger knocked on the gates of the Ayalon Prison in Ramle, saying that the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court told him to show up and begin his seven month sentence. But officials there also refused to take Levinger, saying they don't have the orders to admit

We went to the lock-up at the Russian Compound, but Etti Eshed, spokeswoman for were told that they do not have the Justice Ministry and Courts an order to imprison him from

Administration, said the matter is the responsibility of the Pris-

ons Service. Moshe Malui, Prison Services spokesman, said the police are responsible.

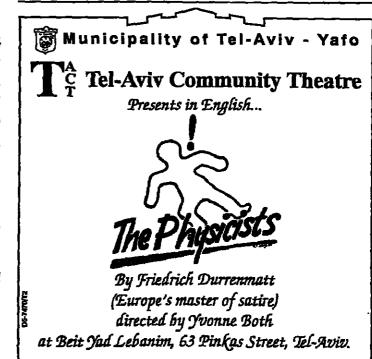
Boaz Goldenberg, spokesman for the Samaria and Judea police district, said the matter is the responsibility of the Prisons Service or the Justice Ministry. Malul added that he only deals with prisoners aircady in jail, not those trying to get in.

He said that it is "strange" that

Levinger showed up at prison unaccompanied by the police, as if he was showing up for reserve

But, according to Goldenberg, often people convicted of crimes who have not been remanded until the end of the legal proceedings against them are told to show up - un-escorted by police - at a particular jail

on a specific date. Levinger, in the meantime, is a free man. "I hope." said his son Efraim, "that they at least take these two days off his



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around Jerusalem reacted angrily yesterday to the cancellation of today's scheduled meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Settlement to discuss plans to build them 6,000 new housing units.

Efrat Local Council head Yinon Ahiman said he was told the meeting was not canceled, but rather "postponed," as all such meetings have been for the last 10 months.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer was expected to submit plans to the committee for 3,000 new units in Ma'aleh Adumim, 700 in Givat Ze'ev, 1,800 in the haredi community of Kiryat Sefer, 900 in Betar, and a few hundred in Gush Etzion and Efrat. The meeting was canceled after Ben-Eliezer acceded to Prime Minister Shimon Peres's requests to build for haredim in Beit Shemesh and Eilat, rather than in Kiryat Sefer and Betar.

Meanwhile, in an unusual move, three leading haredi Lithuanian rabbis have appealed directly to Peres to act to "alleviate the serious housing crisis" in the haredi sector by allowing the expansion of Kiryat Sefer, according to a report on Channel 1 last night. The rabbis signed on the letter are Shalom Eliashiv, Shalom Auerbach, and Aharon Leib Steiman, who have been opposed to the Labor Party.

The Third Way met in Efrat

yesterday and slammed the decision. "This decision is further testimony of the government's intention to return to the 1948 borders, and is a sharp turn by the Peres government from the policies of the Rabin government," said Yehuda Harel, one of the heads of the movement.

Both Harel and Ahiman called on Meimad head Minister Yehuda Amital to quit the government over the issue.

Ahiman said Amital joined the government hoping to help the settlements. "But nothing has been forthcoming," Ahiman said, "not even for settlements like Ma'aleh Adumim and those in Gush Etzion.

Amital, who did not react to calls for him to resign, asked Peres for an urgent meeting to talk about the cancellation of the meeting. Amital said he spoke with Peres a week ago about the need to allow for the "natural growth" of the settlements, and that Peres had agreed with him.

Ministers Yossi Beilin, Shulamit Aloni, and Yossi Sarid have expressed adamant opposition to plans to build in Greater Jerusalem. Sarid yesterday praised Peres and Ben-Eliezer for the decision to postpone the meeting, and claimed it was canceled because of Meretz's efforts.

"We explained to both the

prime minister and the housing minister that Meretz can not tolerate construction in the territories, and our explanations brought about the right decision, which saved the coalition complications in its important work," Sarid said. Meretz also threatened to quit the government over the issue.

Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel said the Greater Jerusalem Forum will meet today in Efrat to discuss ways of combating the decision. "This damages Peres's credibility," Kashriel said. "He is going back to the days of yes and no." Kashriel said he met with Peres a month ago and was assured the government would discuss the plans, and had met with Ben-Eliezer last week and was assured the plans would be approved.

Peres is not Rabin, and his policies toward Greater Jerusalem are very worrisome," said Kashriel, a Likud member. "The significance of today's decision is to 'dry up' the settlements that strengthen the status of Jerusalem, and this shows that Peres really does intend to divide Jerusalem."

Ben-Eliezer tried to bring similar plans for expanding settlements around Jerusalem to the committee - set up to monitor construction in the settlements - last spring, but the committee never met because of Palestinian and do-



Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr (right) yesterday listens to Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe comment on new security arrangements in the city. Israel and the Palestinians are on the way to the correct solution to coexistence,' Orr told Natshe. In response to a complaint by his host that settlers in Hebron are committing provocations, Orr said both Israel and the PA must act to curb extremists

Agudat Yisrael to discuss Knesset list

AGUDAT Yisrael's Council of Sages is scheduled to meet tomorrow to discuss the formation of the party's Knesset list.

A source close to the council said Gerer Rebbe Pinhas Menachem Alter wants to see new faces on the list, and is considering replacing Aguda faction head Avraham Shapira with Bnei Brak contractor Moshe Haim

Among the other topics on the council's agenda is how to divide up the slots on the United Torah Judaism list between Agudat Yisrael and Degel Hatorah. Some in the party favor doing away completely with having to pick representatives from each faction, and instead want the council to pick the representatives it feels can best represent haredi interests, regardless of whether they are affiliated with Degel or Aguda.

Meanwhile, both Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu have been invited to address an Agudat

Yisrael convention on March 12, the first time candidates for prime minister have been invited to address such a gathering.
"The significance of this," said one Aguda

source, "is that it shows the rabbis have not yet decided whom to support in the elections. If they had decided, there would be no reason to invite both candidates."

The invitation comes just a few days after Peres said in an interview with the Agudat Yisrael daily Hamodia that he has given up hope of winning haredi support. A Channel 2 poll in Bnei Brak last week gave Netanyahu 80 percent support, and Peres only 20%.

Netanyahu yesterday met with Rabbi Nissim Karlitz, one of the leading Lithuanian rabbis in Buei Brak, during a visit to the city. The two discussed generals matters, focusing on the need for increasing the role of Jewish education in the nation's educational system.

Supporting Netanyahu for prime minister did not come up directly in the meeting, but Netznyahu's aide Rabbi Motti Halperin said Karlitz's willingness to meet with Netanyahu already sent an important message. However, haredi sources said the fact that Netanyahn visited the city and did not visit the Ponevezh Yeshiva, one of the Lithuanian strongholds, "is a major failure for Netanyahu," Itim reported However, Halperin said they were leaving the Ponevezh Yeshiva for a separate visit.

In addition to Peres and Netsnyahn, Agudat Yistael has also invited Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Ariel Sharon, who was housing minister in the last Liked government, to address the conference. Housing is one of the most critical issues in the haredi community, and Ben-Eliezer announced this week plans to build some 33,000 new units for the haredi sector over the next 10 years, a move which both Likud and Meretz dismissed as "cheap politicking."

Ethiopian leader: Riots staged due to years of keeping quiet

THE violent demonstrations over the blood donations from Ethiopian immigrants were not the result of incitement, but rather the cumulative effect of years of keeping quiet over varied grievances, a leader of the Ethiopian immigrant community said last

'We are totally opposed to attempts to make political capital out of our pain," Addisu Messala, head of the Unified Ethiopian Immigrants' Organization, told a mass rally at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium last night. "Governments come and go," he said, 'but the false decisions... the daily insults, remain."

Some 3,000 members of the community and their guests, including kessim, high school pupils, soldiers and students, attended the rally which was addressed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban, Knesset Speaker

Shevah Weiss, and Tel Aviv

Mayor Ronni Milo. "We ask the people - both the leaders and the man in the street - to realize that even if our skin is black we are human beings like everyone else," Messala said.

Stressing that the community's anger should be turned to positive action, Messala said that, despite differences in customs, the Ethiopian community was always prepared to sit down and discuss ways of building bridges. "But we do not want a paternalistic atti-

"I appeal to all members of our community: do not allow anyone to poison you with hatred, bitterness or alienation," Messala said. "We have to do all we can to oppose the poison of hatred which will leave us as a flower plucked from its stem.

"This is our land and our peo-

ple and in every family there are relatives who do not get along well together," he said.

Peres, who greeted the participants in Amharic, said he supported the kessim in their struggle to be recognized. "I believe, like Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, that you are Jews in every way and must be recognized as such," Peres told the participants.

Tzaban again asked the chief rabbis to recognize the Ethiopians as being full Jews. "Most of the people accepted this a long time ago," he said, adding: "The Ethiopian immigrants have never stopped and we will never stop. and in the end, full recognition will come, so why add insults and suffering, when we can reduce the suffering?"

The commission of inquiry headed by former president Yitzhak Navon, which is looking into the community's grievances, will hold its first meeting tomorrow.

Religious MKs

want bill against

Arafat frees Jihad

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat released imprisoned Islamic Jihad journalist Alaa Siftawi on Monday night, and yesterday visited his family to offer greetings for Id al-Fitr, the three-day feast fol-

Siftawi was arrested on Saturday for publishing an editorial in the Islamic Jihad Gaza weekly newspaper Istiklal telling Arafat he had no right to swear on the Koran that he would defend the interests of the Palestinian people. Arafat did this while taking the oath of office as president of the Executive Authority of the

Palestinian Council. Siftawi, interviewed by phone, cause he understood that it was However, he said he received no word that his newspaper, whose

Arafat yesterday paid Siftawi's family a visit to see his mother

Siftawi, a leading Fatah activist in Gaza who held high-level contacts with Israel before the Oslo accords and was gunned down in Gaza two years ago.

Arafat also visited the home of jailed Hamas leader Ahmed Yassin and placed a wreath on the tomb of a shaheed (martyr) in Gaza cemetery. It is traditional to pay respects to departed relatives on Id al-Fitr.

Siftawi said Islamic Jihad had not changed its attitude toward the peace process. "It is not a peace process it is a war process," he said using the exact words as Yigal Amir, the confessed assassin of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

ical and military pressure." Siftawi said.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday ordered a continuation of the closure to prevent possible

editor for Id al-Fitr

lowing Ramadan.

said Arafat released him "benot a personal attack on him." offices were sealed shut, would be reopened.

and honor his father, Assad

"The Israelis do not have good intentions and the Palestinians are always under economic, politclosure is one proof of that,

attacks by Islamic extremists.

Report: PA Police helped keep order on Temple Mount

BILL HUTMAN and Itim

HUNDREDS of Palestinian Police and Preventive Security Force agents were on the Temple Mount this past weekend during prayers marking the end of Ramadan, Channel 2's political editor Gadi Sukenik reported last night.

Sukenik said the policemen, who were in civilian clothes, helped keep order on the Temple Mount, while the Israel Police kept order outside and deployed for any possible incidents at the site.

According to the report, the Palestinian security men were among the hundreds of thousands of Moslems who came to the Temple Mount shrines last Thursday night, and were unarmed but had regular entry permits into Jerusalem. On the face of it, this would be in violation of the Oslo accords, since the Palestinian Police is not permitted to operate in Jerusalem, especially on the Temple Mount.

Police sources said that as in past years, Wakf guards and Arab scouts helped in crowd control on the Temple Mount. The police categorically denied that any Palestinian policemen were used to keep order during last Friday's prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque.

ELECTIONS

At this point Zucker lost patience and ended the meeting, telling both major parties to reach an agreement and not bother him again until they had one. The Knesset cannot afford to have the date-setting process drag out for another two weeks,

Cohen and Eitan then went off

together, and, after having traded accusations all day about the other's unwillingness to reach an agreement, agreed on what was virtually the only compromise date left - May 29. The 28th had already been rejected by the religious parties as being too soon after Shavuot, since they feared last-minute campaigning would lead to massive desecration of the holiday. However, these parties decided they could live with the 29th, so the date was settled.

Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss to postpone discussions on the first reading of two bills on Jerusalem scheduled to be raised in the plenum today. Mahameed reminded Weiss that it had been agreed in the

Hadash faction chairman Hashem Mahameed yesterday asked

Moslem MKs ask to delay debate -

past that votes on important issues would not take place on days when any part of the Arab sector is celebrating a holiday. By press time, the bills had not been removed from the

Liat Collins

Ramon: Gun licenses for only 3 years Interior Minister Haim Ramon yesterday decided that new gun licenses to be issued starting next year, and licenses to be

renewed at the end of 1996, will be valid for only three years, instead of the present five. License holders will now be required to practice annually at a firing range. Jerusalem Post Staff

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EU envoy: Syria edging toward open trade, borders

SYRIA has changed its attitude to the Middle East peace process and is edging toward the concept of free trade and open borders, the ambassador of the European Union said yesterday.

Jean-Paul Jesse, the newly appointed head of the European Commission Delegation in Israel, said the Europeans and Middle Eastern states are in a totally new economic and political environment in which Israel and the EU are forging a new type of relationship.

Briefing reporters at the EU offices in Tel Aviv, Jesse said Israelis either lacked knowledge of the EU or harbored some resentment of the community's past stance on Middle East questions.

Jesse said he wanted to leave history behind and concentrate on informing Israelis about the EU and improving their relations The EU has become more

deeply involved in the Middle East peace process since a 27nation Barcelona conference last November that launched the idea of establishing a Euro-Mediterranean free trade area within 15

In the context of Barcelona,

Syria has agreed to open trade and cooperation talks with the EU, and Jesse said the move was significant.

He said an EU delegation to Damascus found President Hafez Assad "in a good mood." "Syria was reluctant in the past

to embark on an association with the EU in the context of a peace process involving Israel," Jesse

"Now the context has changed. Syria is heading in the direction of opening up trade, of opening its borders. In return, the EU can help the Syrians develop their economic systems, help with their banks, help them organize ministries."

He admitted that human rights issues in Syria are still a problem for the EU but the community considered the underpinning of the peace process a more important prize than dealing with every outstanding issue. "Rome wasn't

built in a day," he added. Jesse described the trade and cooperation deal Israel signed with the EU last year as an "economic pillar in a new relationship" which will bring prosperity to Israel and greatly increase its economic ties with Europe.

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non-Orthodox conversions

LIAT COLLINS

MKs from religious parties are preparing for a discussion on a bill aimed at preventing recognition of Reform and Conservative conversion performed in Israel.

Sixteen MKs have signed the bill, a response to a High Court decision to allow the Knesset to decide whether such conversions would be recognized for civil registration purposes.

On Monday, the religious parties mobilized in force against the first readings of several Basic Laws which they said could be used by the courts to upset the status quo on religious issues. The Meretz faction had insisted on raising the bills despite a request from Prime Minister Shimon Peres, with an eye on the

religious vote. At the last minute, after nearly four hours' discussion, Knesset Law Committee Chairman Dedi Zucker agreed to postpone the vote when he realized the large turnout by opposition and religious MKs would mean they could not pass. His decision also apparently stemmed from the pressure Shas leader Aryeli Deri was placing on Peres.

(Continued from Page 1) its coalition majority - decide. Michael Eitan (Likud) retorted that if Cohen tried this, the Likud would drag out the vote with noconfidence motions and a filibuster, "until in the end we'll be at June 4 anyway."

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-lish-speaking Jerusalem Rotury Club lish-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street.

90% of accidents," President Ezer

Weizman said yesterday during a

visit to Beduin towns in the South

to mark the Moslem festival of Id

"There is too much talk about accidents and too little done," Weizman added. "The police have

to punish offenders without hesi-

tation. The Israeli driver believes

he is driving a tank or a plane to

war. He sees a car or a bus in front

Drivers must remember that

of him and just has to pass them.

theirs is a lethal vehicle. Cars can

cause tremendous damage. That is

a fact. It is not the roads that are to

blame or the system. The drivers

have to learn to keep within the

speed limit and to adjust their dri-

ving to the condition of the road

the Israeli driver realizes that his

vehicle is so dangerous, it will

help in the battle on the roads.

Perhaps, the president said, if

To keep them in line, Weizman

d, "I would like to see another

500 traffic policemen on the roads."

As experts continued to argue

According to Transport Ministry

road safety inspector Menashe

Shapira, 19-year-old soldiers who

have recently received licenses

and only have experience driving

light vehicles are then allowed to

sit behind the wheel of heavy

trucks. 'In other Western coun-

tries, such drivers have to sit alongside an experienced driver for an apprenticeship before tak-ing over the wheel," he said.

over who is responsible for the

bloodshed on the roads, a road safe-

ty officer blamed the authorities.

Weizman: Drivers are responsible for 90% of accidents

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE two people killed yesterday in road accidents involving trucks brought the number killed on the road since the beginning of the

The police yesterday reenacted the fatal accident in which three children were killed near Kibbutz Lavi on Monday. Truck driver Salah Hamadi, 25, from Bueina vil-Salan Halman, D., Holli Ducha vir-lage in the Galilee, is to appear before Nazareth Magistrate's Court today for a remand hearing on suspicion of causing the accident

Three victims are being treated at Haifa's Rambam Hospital. Seriously injured Hodaya Seri, 9, yesterday showed signs of improvement, but has not yet regained consciousness. Avi Cohen, 12, is still in a coma. Both

are still in the intensive care unit. Bus driver Nadim Matar, 40, the father of four from Ibillin village near Haifa, is recovering from jaw surgery and is listed in satisfactory condition. Told yesterday that three of his young pas-sengers had been killed, he burst into tears and said: "I saw the truck coming and did every thing in my power to save those children, who are like my own."

Six children are recovering in Poriya Hospital and are listed in satisfactory condition with light injuries. Reuma Weizman, wife of the president, visited the injured at both hospitals.

Meanwhile, pupils from the victims' regional elementary school yesterday lit candles and set up an improvised monument to their classmates.

"Drivers are responsible for

Histadrut

absent from

sessions on

occupational

hazards

JUDY SIEGEL

"I would like to see much more

the protection of workers from

health risks faced on the job," said

Dr. Alma Avni, a participant and

head of the Health Ministry's

Occupational Health Unit. "The unions should demand safe work-

places as much as they do higher

American unionist Stanley Hill

noted in his lecture that US trade unions cannot rely solely on the US Occupational Safety and

Health Administration to guaran-

tee for their workers a workplace

free from occupational hazards.

The unions are directly involved

in reporting hazards and demand-

ing that employers correct them and that the public authorities

The organizers of the three-day

International Conference on

Communicable Diseases as

Occupation Hazards said last night they had approached the Histadrut and four of its trade

unions for a sponsorship but none

expressed any interest, citing

Asket why no one from the labor federation was present at the conference at the International Convention Center, Histadrut

spokesman Yossi Leibovitz said it

"always tries to take part... in safe-ty conferences to which it is invit-

added, "plan to attend on the final day [today] for the summation. In addition, the safety division will

receive all written material from

Histadrut representatives, he

enforce the laws.

financial problems.

the conference.

Jerusalem, participants say.

Right-wing activists reach compromise over demonstration **EVELYN GORDON**

A DEMONSTRATION against the administrative detention of right-wing activists will be allowed to include a large sign, but a smaller one than the demon-THE Histadrut should have sent a strators had originally wanted, representative to sessions of an according to a compromise approved yesterday by the High international conference on occunational hazards taking place in Court of Justice.

The demonstration, organized by Match Ma'amatz, was meant opposite the Prime Minister's Office, manned by a few dozen people. The centerpiece of the vigil was to be a large sign, 16 meters long by 6 meters tall, saying "The Left's democracy: PLO murderers go free; opponents of [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres suffer arrest and persecution."

The police were willing to approve the vigil, but not the sign. and tried several different tactics to forbid it. Eventually, however, they said they would agree if the demonstrators got a permit for the sign from the city of Jerusalem. The city's urban beautification department approved the permit, but Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert overturned the decision two days later, saying that with election season on the horizon, he did not want to set a precedent for allowing massive signs all over the city. Match Ma'amatz there-

fore petitioned the High Court. Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Yitzhak Zamir and Dalia Dorner sharply criticized both sides, and suggested that they find a negotiated solution.

The demonstrators do not have any inherent right to a sign of a certain size, Goldberg said, and the High Court has better things to do with its time than rule on the dimensions of a poster.

Under pressure from the court, the two side agreed on a sign which will be 2.5m. by 6m. -smaller than Match Ma amatz had wanted, but larger than the 1.5m. by 3m. the city had pushed for.



Police examine the wreckage of a minibus, one of whose passengers was killed yesterday morning when a truck hit it and it overturned outside Pisgat Ze'ev. The minibus was carrying nine Bulgarian workers to Modi'in when the accident occurred; eight workers and the driver were lightly injured. At Gazit junction in the Galilee, Miriam Harari, 58, of Givat Hamoreh was killed yesterday when the car she was driving slammed into the rear of a semitrailer. In Ramat Gan, a traffic policeman driving a motorscooter suffered light injuries when his scooter was rammed from behind by a car and he was thrown into the path of another car, which struck him. A total of 36 persons were injured, two of them seriously, in six other accidents yesterday.

Bill would let police order trucks off road

A BILL giving police the right to order a truck off the road for 30 days if it is overladen or the driver has been driving non-stop longer than the permitted number of hours passed its first reading in the Knesset last night.

MK Gideon Patt (Likud), who initiated the bill, noted that last year more than a quarter of road accident victims were injured in accidents involving trucks. Under the new bill, which is expected to pass second and third readings soon, if a truck or commercial vehicle is carrying more than 25 percent above the permitted weight, it can be ordered off the roads for a month by police officers above the rank of inspec-

"If a vehicle is sidelined for 30 days, its owners will in the future make sure that it is not carrying a single gram extra weight and the driver is not on the road longer than the permitted time." Patt

If the owners can prove the drivers were acting against specific orders or that they had taken steps to prevent them from committing the violation, the road ban can be cancelled.

Similarly, the owner can appeal to the courts for the ban to be rescinded. In the Knesset on Monday, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar complained that legislation restricting drivers to a quota of hours and placing other limits on truck transport are not being passed by the House because MKs claim they contravene the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation.

Eitan: Smoking costs economy NIS 3 billion a year

THE economic damage caused by smoking amounts to NIS 3 billion a year, whereas the income from taxes on cigarettes amounts to NIS1b.. MK Rafael Eitan (Tsomet) yesterday told a meeting of the Knesset subcommittee on drugs, which he

Dr. Tuvia Lehrer, of the Health Ministry and Chairman of the Anti-Smoking Association, said that the number of adult Israelis who smoke has dropped since 1970 from 42% to 28%.

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AMMAN (Reuter) - Two senior Iraqi defectors and their families crossed the Jordanian-Iraqi border into Iraq yesterday, Jordanian border officials said, six months after fleeing the other way.

A convoy of limouisines provided by Jordan's Royal Palace whisked Lieutenant General Hussein Kamel Hassan and his brother Saddam Kamel and their families to the Iraqi checkpoint, where they were received by a large delegation, witnesses said.

The Jordanian news agency Petra said that before they left Jordan's King Hussein received a letter from Kamel Hassan thanking him for his hospitality during their stay in Amman.

Kamel Hassan, who ran Iraq's secret military program, fled to Jordan last August with his brother Saddam Kamel and their wives. both daughters of Saddam Hussein. The lieutenant-general quickly called for the overthrow of the Iraqi government.

But yesterday they began to retrace their steps, accompanied by the Iraqi ambassador to Jordan whom the defectors went to see in the morning to arrange their departure plans, Jordanian sources said.

Diplomats said an unknown fate awaited Kamel Hassan at the hands of the Iraqi president. known to deal mercilessly with opponents. But his return could be a political coup for Saddam who has been trying hard since August to lessen the damage of the defections to his grip on power.

Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Karim al Kabariti said the decision to leave was a matter which Kamel Hassan and his family "decided on their own with their free choice after conducting private contacts with Baghdad."

Oatar foils anti-gov't plot

DOHA (Reuter) - Qatar said yesterday it had foiled an anti-government plot and arrested the perpetrators, and one official said bedouins loyal to the Gulf Arab states, former ruler were involved.

The cabinet of the oil-rich state, which has the third largest cas reserves in the world, held an emergency session on the first day of the Moslem feast of Eid al-Fitr to discuss the attempted plot and security measures.

session about the circumstances in the foiled plot and proceedings of the investigation." Quar news agency said. "It denounced the plot and supported measures to preserve security and stability."

The cabinet meeting was chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa al-Thani.

Qatari authorities said the attempt was backed by outside forces and that it had arrested a number of perpetrators. There was no further official word on who was behind it.

But one senior government official said beduins loyal to Qatar's former emir. Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani, were involved. Sheikh Khalifa, 64, was overthrown in a bloodless palace coup in June last year by his 46-year-old son, the current emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani.



A Croatian man dressed in a Hitler mask points to the Moslem part of Mostar and screams, 'Moslem back,' at the main checkpoint which separates the two ethnic parts of the city. Mostar was officially reunified yesterday but scuffies broke out, shots were fired, and Croat policemen failed to appear for joint patrols to monitor the city.

Serbs order evacuation of all their areas in Sarajevo

BOSNIAN Serb leaders, playing to the fears of Sarajevo's Serbs. ordered them yesterday to leave all neighborhoods that are to be handed over to the Moslem-led government

Dozens of trucks and cars towing trailers drove out of Serb areas. but no buses were spotted in the hours after the organized exodus was to begin. Heavy snow fell, perhaps hampering the Serb plans.

In the northern district of Vogosca, Serbs removed piles of documents from the town hall and set them ablaze outside. Workers stripped the building of anything of value, down to doors and old

The Serb order was a blatant challenge to the spirit of Bosnia's peace accord. A wholesale evacuation would be one of the final chapters in a war waged solely to create ethnically homogeneous areas through huge shifts of civil-

Bosnian Serbs vehemently onpose the provision in the peace accord that reunites the country's symbolic heart, Sarajevo, under **BRYAN BRUMLEY**

the rule of their former foes by March 19. NATO plans to begin a gradual transfer on Friday.

Kris Janowski, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, accused Bosnian Serb leaders of trying to trigger a mass flight from Sarajevo for their own

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbs' political leader and a prewar inhabitant of the city, has always asserted that Serbs could not coexist with other ethnic groups in the capital. 'A number of people have left,

but it's not the mass exodus the Serb authorities appear to want, Janowski said. Bosnian Serb TV broadcasts urging people to leave are just "part of a campaign of manipulation to get people out, to create a psychosis," he said.

An estimated 50,000 people remain in the five Serb districts of Sarajevo, and 40,000 have fled since the peace plan was initialed three months ago, Western diplomats said. Janowski estimated how to conduct them.

that 20,000 Serbs had left. In another bitterly divided city, Mostar, barriers fell yesterday - but for only one hour. At noon Croats and Moslems were to try to smother animosities lingering from their yearlong war in 1993, and allow free movement in the city and

establish joint police patrols. About 300 Moslems did cross over to Croat-held areas in the first hour. The free movement fell apart after four young Moslems crossed in a car, angering Croats who only want people to cross on

The Moslem youths, apparently unnerved by the shouts of Croats, crashed the car. Two fled back to the city's Moslem sector, and two others were taken away by Croatian police.

Moslems then hoisted a Moslem emblem on their side, drawing Croat ire. The checkpoint remained open, but no one

The joint police patrols never materialized. Both sides raised objections to the agreement on

If residents of Mostar cannot overcome their enmitties, then the Moslem and Croat federation that is to rule half of Bosnia - and thus the peace accord itself - is given little chance of survival.

The order to evacuate Serb-held districts of Sarajevo, announced by Bosnian Serb media, confused many of the city's Serbs. They knew only that the districts must be transferred by March 19, and their leaders had not informed them that NATO plans a gradual transfer beginning Friday in the northern suburb of Vogosca.

In Vogosca this morning, the few residents on the streets were confused about dates. Some old people-said they had been ordered to assemble in the main square to boald buses and distance

Gojko Klickovic, a Serb official overseeing the evacuation, admitted to problems providing money, fuel, transport and accommodation for refugees. (AP)

Police probing IRA omb find explanation bomb find explosives

LONDON (Reuter) - Police investigating an IRA bomb that blew apart a London bus, apparently killing its carrier, said yesterday they had discovered large amounts of explosives and bombmaking equipment after overnight raids in the capital.

Meanwhile, the BBC and Irish radio reported that a survivor of Sunday's blast was no longer considered to be a suspect.

British police, who would not discount the possibility that the badly injured man was an accomplice of the IRA bomber, refused to comment. But reporters said the man was no longer being guarded by armed police.

Commander John Grieve, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said the overnight raids followed extensive inquiries by detectives who were continuing to gather forensic evidence.

"Officers visited and searched a number of premises in the London area overnight. We have recovered significant amounts of explosives and bomb-making equipment," he said in a statement.

No arrests were made, and police later said they had released without charge two men who were detained under the Prevention of

Terrorism Act. The bomb, which police believe exploded prematurely as it was being carried to a high-profile target, was the third incident in London in 10 days since the IRA ended a 17-month truce in frustration over the lack of progress toward all-party political talks in Northern Ireland.

Prime Minister John Major

vowed to hunt down the bombers and give the highest priority to the security of citizens both on the

mainland and in Northern Ireland. "Each of the three bombs we have seen in the last 10 days or so have been the act of men callously unconcerned about innocent death

or injury," Major told parliament. A series of Irish Republican Army "volunteers" have been killed by their own bombs in the group's 25-year campaign against British rule in Northern Ireland.

The IRA broke its truce on February 9 with a truck bomb in the Docklands area of east London that killed two people and injured 100. The Guardian newspaper yes-

terday quoted police sources as saying the suspects in Sunday's blast could also have been behind the Docklands explosion. The IRA. eager to strike at economic targets on the British mainland, planted a bomb in a tele-

phone box last week. London's theatre district was evacuated and the device defused. The IRA, which has always argued that the propaganda value

of a bomb on the mainland is worth a dozen explosions in Northern Ireland, sent a chilling warning that it might broaden its campaign. "If what is happening in London

doesn't get the message home, the same signal will be sent by activity in other major British cities." an IRA source said. The new attacks have shattered

hopes of lasting peace just as warweary Northern Ireland was recovering from a quarter of a century of conflict that took 3,200 lives. -

Mir celebrates 10 years in space

MOSCOW (AP) - Surpassing all expectations, the world's only functioning space station marked 10 years in orbit yesterday with Russian officials hoping to keep it aloft into the next century.

While space officials bragged about the Mir on earth, two Russians and a German were thought to be holding their own quiet celebration in orbit somewhere over the Pacific Ocean.

"I suppose they will drink something," Valery Udaloi, deputy chief of flights at the mission control center in Kaliningrad, said of Sergei Avdeyev, Yuri Gidzenko and Thomas Reiter.

Every cosmonaut has a private bag of personal things, and I presume they will open the bags and drink what they stashed away."

The decade mark was reached at 12:29 a.m. Moscow time. A Soviet rocket carrying the first module for the Mir had blasted off Feb. 20, 1986, from Baikonur on

Still immersed in the Cold War, Soviet officials gave no size or weight of the mysterious station at the time, saying only that it contained six docking ports to accommodate visiting spacecraft or lab-oratory modules. Experts said it was only supposed to last until the early 1990s.

Now, an expanded Mir is the launched

centerpiece of a space program badly in need of cash, and Russian officials called a news conference for last night to ballyhoo the achievement

Western countries have paid hundreds of millions of dollars to send their astronauts for months-

long stays on the Mir.
With funding from the US space agency NASA, which needs Russia's help in constructing an international space station, Moscow plans to keep it in orbit for another few years.

But the cramped and aging space station, which weighs more than 130 tons, has already endured power supply problems and needs frequent maintenance from its inhabitants. Marcia Smith, a specialist in

aerospace policy for the Congressional Research Service in Washington, calls it "a stretch" to try to keep the Mir operating until the year 2000.

200,000 miles on it and deciding to keep it until it has 300,000 miles on it," she said.

Without someone on board, it is. assumed the Mir would soon meet the fate of its predecessor, Salyat-7. which failed and went out of control after becoming unmanned in 1986 - the year the Mir was

Russians claim upper hand in battle with Chechens

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russian soldiers fought hundreds of well-armed guerrillas through the streets of a small Chechen town yesterday. Moscow's top commander in the rebel province said his troops had inflicted heavy losses on the rebels and aimed to finish off the operation

in Novogroznensky by today.

General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov said in the Chechen capital Grozzy that up to 170 rebels had died in the five-day battle compared to 30. Russian soldiers, Itar-Tass news agency reported. It was not clear how the figure for rebel dead was established.

The Russian operation to capture the rebel stronghold would be completed "today or tomorrow". Tikhomirov added, saying attempts to talk. the guerrillas into surrender had failed.

Republican decision time in New Hampshire

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - In a contest seen as a crucial test of strength for Bob Dole, the fragile Republican front-runner, the northeastern state of New Hampshire voted yesterday in

America's leadoff presidential primary. For Pat Buchanan, it's a bid to stay atop a wave of support from social blue-collar conservatives that has driven him past other, bet-

ter-financed rivals. Dole appeared upbeat yesterday morning as he and his wife, Elizabeth, accompanied New Hampshire Gov. Steve Merrill and his wife, Heather, to the polls where they voted for Dole. "We're in the home stretch." Dole said before

petting a black Labrador wearing a Dole sign. Dogs for Dole - it's looking good," he added. For Buchanan, the New Hampshire outcome

was a bid to stay atop a wave of support from social conservatives and blue-collar Republicans that has driven him past other. better-financed rivals. "We're bringing people into the Republican

party, working men and women." Buchanan

said today on CBS television.
Poll data showed Dole, the Senate majority leader, fighting Buchanan for first, with former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander in close pursuit. Publisher Steve Forbes has seen his lead steadily sink to fourth.

All in the Top Four have pledged - no matter what the New Hampshire outcome - to stick with the race as it moves next to Arizona, South Carolina and the Dakotas. But yesterday's vote was expected to winnow out those stuck at the bottom of the pack.

There also was a Democratic primary, although President Clinton had no major opposition.

In the first voting after midnight in two tiny towns in northern New Hampshire - Dixville Notch and Hart's Location - Dole won by one vote over Alexander.

Dole captured 14 of the first 39 votes cast in the Republican primaries. Alexander had 13. Buchanan was next with five, and Forbes had four. Dick Lugar and dropout Phil Gramm each had one vote, along with a write-in for Colin

"However it comes out tomorrow. I'm going to be doing very well," Alexander said as he finished his 160-km walk across the state. Light snow and freezing rain was forecast across most of the state for the day.

New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner predicted a high turnout, suggesting 76 percent of the state's registered voters would go to the polls. In their final pitches, candidates trumpeted

their "visions" for the country even as they continued sniping at each other. The fiery Buchanan has likened the gather-

ing strength of his campaign to "peasants with pitchforks coming over the hill" and predicted, "We will go all the way. They will not stop

Visiting a computer company, Dole tried to sharply distinguish his campaign from Buchanan's, maintaining the commentator's restrictive trade views would hurt American businesses which now thrive in international markets.

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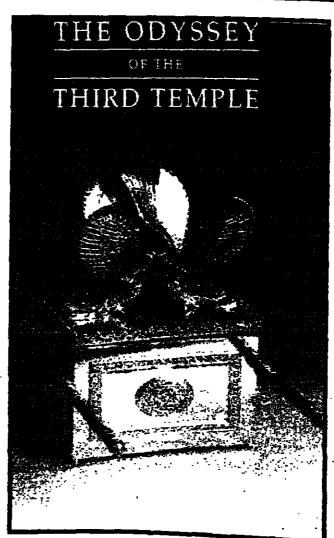
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Arabs now as preoccupied with Jerusalem as Israelis

T is not only Israeli candidates who are obsessed with the Jerusalem question. It is also the focus of intense, behind-thescenes contacts in the Arab world Two minor reports shed light on

the Jerusalem issue. The first noted that King Hussein is making a personal donation for the purchase of new rugs for the Aqsa Mosque as a token of "Hashemite concern" for the holy place.

The second was an announce-ment from the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) headquarters in Vienna that not all of its departments will move to Gaza. Gaza City will get the agency's information and personnel departments, and the commissioner's office. But the most important

health among them - will move to Amman.

The paradoxical conclusion is that, following the Palestinian elections, the natural development is going to be a greater role for Jordan in Jerusalem. (That does not, however, mean reviving the defunct "Jordanian option.")

The king's decision to donate carpets to Al-Aqsa came after new moves in Jordan-Gulf relations. The Saudi foreign minister's

visit to Amman last year was the first time Jordan officially recognized the Saudi dynasty's title of guardians of the holy shrines in Mecca and Medina. What Amman got in return was

not revealed; it could well be connected to Jordan's connection to

Al-Aqsa. King Hussein later visited

Mecca, meeting Prince Abdullah, who was filling in for the ailing King Fahd.

He then went to Cairo to see President Hosni Mubarak, the first such visit since the 1990 Kuwait

Not much was revealed of this meeting either, except that Mubarak called Arafat in Gaza to invite him to tripartite talks.

The official reason for inviting Arafat to meet Mubarak and Hussein was "the need to help the Palestinians in the final status negotiations with Israel."

But we can guess the two leaders want to compel Arafar to accept an "Arab" solution to the problem of Jerusalem's holy places, not a "Palestinian" one. Under the "Arab" formula, Jordan would play the major role, with some

Arab League representation,

SO WHY would Mubarak and Hussein now be any closer to imposing their will on Arafat?

Firstly, there has been US pressure to preserve Jordan's role in any permanent solution for the Secondly, the Arabs themselves

have come to realize they must beal the splits created by the Kuwait crisis, or pay dearly for it. Even bitter enemies Syria and Iraq have come together to confront Turkey over its water policies. Yemen cannot deal alone with the conquest of Hanish Island in the Red Sea by Fritrea and, as Bahrain proves, the Gulf emirates

are more and more exposed to Iranian subversion and intimida-

Last week the US Embassy in Tel Aviv denied reports in the Arab media that a visiting US envoy. Robert Pelletreau, had asked Mubarak to mediate with Iraq as a favor to US oil companies. These companies are keen not to be left out of shipping Iraqi oil once Baghdad and the UN hammer out an agreement on limited sales.

It is conceivable that the need of the Arab states for better coordination against external challenges is making them more lenient toward Saddam Hussein.

The day King Hussein and Mubarak met in Cairo, Egypt announced "no one is entitled to speak in the name of Iraq except lragis themselves."

This remark was directed at King Hussein who has tried to organize the fragmented Iraqi opposition's efforts to toppie Saddam.

On Iraq, King Hussein had to concede to Egypt. Mubarak in turn accepted a formula worked out between the king and the Saudis on Jerusalem - and Rais Arafat is going to hear it at the coming get-

ARAFAT'S PROBLEMS do not end at other Arab leaders. He has some at home with Palestinians. Reports on talks between the government and Orient House about the future of Jerusalem bothered Arafat a lot.

The bother comes not least from a suspicion that Peres might abandon him in favor of the "alterna-tive leadership." Also, he knows the east Jerusalem leaders are better tuned in to the thinking of the Arab world than he is.

Arafat's failure to stimulate the voters of east Jerusalem into heading for polling stations enabled Faisal Husseini to declare immediately after the elections that there will be a "Moslem-Arab" solution for the city.

That day, Israeli public opinion was preoccupied with reports of the contacts by the government with Orient House.

Peres had to send Uri Savir on a well-televised mission to Arafat to assure him that his was still the only working political address.

So, it is not only the Israeli right that may reject results of such contacts. Arafat may also, not because of what they may include, but with whom they were negotiated.

Syria to host Iraqi opposition conference

reparations are underway to hold a broad-based conference of Iraqi opposition groups within the next month to find ways to topple Saddam Hussein without fragmenting Iraq, a leading opposition figure

said this week. Masha'an al-Jabouri, leader of the Iraqi Homeland Party, told reporters thathe will visit Teheran to meet Ayatollah Bakr al-Hakim, leader of the Supreme Assembly for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the main Iraqi Shi'ite Moslem movement, to secure his support and sound out Iranian officials.

The disclosure on the planned conference in Damascus, clearly held with the blessing of the Syrian government, came one day after another opposition group al-Wifaq al-Watani al-Iraqi, or "Iraqi National Accord" announced it was opening an office in Jordan, the first allowed to operate there.

That was seen as a move by King Hussein to enhance his role as the central figure in pressing for change in Baghdad, the onetime ally from which he is increasingly distancing himself.

He has proposed a federation of the country's main groups --Kurds, Shi'ite Moslenis and Sunni Moslems - to prevent the country breaking up into mutually hostile cantons. Many dissidents argue that this will only

Syria, Iraq's arch rival, has for some time been seeking to muster Iraqi opposition groups in Damascus to set up an alternative to the main opposition umbrella, the Iraqi National Council, based in the Kurdish self-rule enclave in northern Iraq.

Al-Jabouri, a member of a major Iraqi clan which has been turning against Saddam, said: "We're keen to ensure a climate for success for this meeting because the failure of previous meetings to produce positive results has led to Saddam Hussein staying in power, thereby increasing the suffering of the Iraqi peo-

He said the Iraqi National Accord's office in Amman "was a reward for its positive attitude" toward what he termed King Hussein's real objective, a federation of Hashemite Jordan and a post-Saddam Iraq, once ruled by the king's family.

King Hussein has in recent months met with Iraqi opposition leaders seeking to persuade them to unite against Saddam. However, they remain deeply divided.

"The Jordanian project ... contravenes the views of other national Iraqi currents," al-Jabouri commented.

"Those who dream of dividing Iraq will face a civil war ... and we will do all that we can to prevent such a development," he

Asked about his recent proposal to Syrian Vice President Abdul-Halim Khaddam to open the bor-

"My proposal is aimed at facilitating the movement of people and the transfer of food and commodities into Iraq to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people. (AP)



Iragi children at a Baghdad amusement park ride on a donkey-pulled cart yesterday during the first day of Id al-Fitr, the fast-breaking holiday of Ramadan. Most of the park's mechanical rides are out of order due to continued UN economic sanctions.

Major under pressure over Iraq arms scandal

ritain's attorney general, accused of legal and personal blunders by a judicial inquiry into arms sales to Iraq, this week fended off opposition

"Nobody could have acted more General On der with Iraq, al-Jabouri said: Nicholas Lyell said to shouts of "Resign, resign!" from opposition Labor Party legislators in the House of Commons.

Conservative Prime Minister John Major has refused to fire Lyell and another top official, Chief Treasury Secretary William Waldegrave, who were central to a secret relaxation of curbs on arms sales to Iraq in the late '80s.

His stance may result in the goverament losing a February 26 vote

on the report. In the report released last week after a three-year inquiry, Judge Sir Richard Scott said Lyell was personally at fault for trying to suppress evidence of official collusion in 1992 when three exporters were charged with illegal arms sales. The trial judge overruled him and the case collapsed.

In the Commons, Lyell said the judge's criticisms were based on a difference of legal opinion, and the report "cast not the slightest doubt on my integrity."

Labor's legal affairs spokesman in the Commons, John Morris, Vanguards' statement

pledged to continue efforts aimed was a stooge of the Americans in The Id has come again, and the

Vanguards of Conquest, thanks to the statement said.

accused Lyell of "breathtaking incompetence. But Major faces growing pres-

sure over the affair, which shows no sign of going away as the govdemands to resign. ernment has hoped. In an opinion poll conducted for

majority of voters said the two ministers criticized in the report should step down and Labor Party spokesman Robin Cook said the government defense of their position was beginning to falter.

Major, already badly trailing Labor in opinion polls in the runup to the next general election, due by May 1997, agreed to meet dissident lawmaker Peter Thurnham. Major could face a perilously close vote in parliament next week

when the House of Commons votes on the issue which has now plagued him for four years. Major set up the inquiry after the collapse of a court case against three executives of engineering firm Marrix Churchill who were accused

of illegally selling arms to Iraq. One of the accused was working for Britain's secret services and a former minister told the trial that the government had tacitly supported such arms sales.

Sixty-two percent of voters sounded out by the Sunday Times thought Lyell and Waldegrave should resign. An overwhelming

83 percent said they believed ministers sometimes lied to cover up changes of policy.

In Johannesburg, former British spy Paul Grecian was described this week as an untruthful person and denied bail for a third time extradition to the United States.

Justice C.F. Eloff of the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg said the serious charges Grecian faced in the US placed him as a high risk category person to flee South Africa rather than face possible extradition. Eloff also said Grecian came across as an untruth-

The extradition hearing is scheduled for March 25.

Grecian was arrested in South Africa in December under a US warrant on charges of bank fraud, conspiracy to violate arms export control law and making false statements in connection with illegal arms sales to Iraq.

He was director of a British company called Ordtec that supplied lraq with shell fuses from 1988 to 1990, pretending they were destined for Jordan.

Grecian and two other Ordtec executives were convicted in Britain in 1992 of exporting illegal arms to Iraq. But an appeals' court last year overturned the verdict.

saying evidence showed Grecian

had been a spy for British intelligence and was acting with their Ordrec also was indicted in the

US in 1993 for involving a New Jersey munitions dealer in arms sales to Iraq.

ordered Rexon Technology Corp. of Wayne, New Jersey, to close within six months and fined it \$500,000 for planning an illegal shipment of 300,000 artillery parts to Iraq before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

(News agencies)

Iran keeps Rushdie's death sentence, but will not send out assassins

ran's foreign minister was quoted this week as saying a death sentence on British author Salman Rushdie for alleged blasphemy could not be withdrawn, but pledged Teheran would not send anyone to carry it out.

"In its negotiations with European countries, the Foreign Ministry has stressed the validity of Imam Khomeini's fatwa and the impossibility of its withdrawal," Ali Akbar Velayati told the English-language daily Iran News. "Of course, as already mentioned, this does not mean that the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran intends to dispatch commandos to kill the writer of Saturic Verses."

The European Parliament urged Iran to make a written declaration that it will not carry out the fatwa and will restrain Iranians from trying to. The fatwa was issued by Iran's late leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in February 1989, condemning the Indian-born author to death for alleged blasphemy against Islam in his novel.

Rushdie met with France's foreign affairs minister this week after urging the European Union to pressure Iran to lift its death sentence against him. "Iran needs to become rilized nation, so n't done up to now," Rushdie told the TF1 television network. "I think it's high time, that seven years is symbolic enough, it's high time that something happen," Rushdie said. "It's time for Europe to employ firmer methods. Everybody wants this to stop, not just me." (Reuter)

Islamic extremists urge army to topple Mubarak

s Egypt prepared for one of the most important holi-days of the Islamic year, a colonel last week. A third suspect escaped, they said. In a related development, the radical Moslem group warned it would campaign to bring about "a popular and military uprising."
The statement from the

Vanguards of Conquest also urged

the army to join the extremists in trying to topple the government of President Hosni Mubarak. The Vanguards are believed to be a splinter group of the Jihad, which was blamed for the 1981 assassination of president Anwar Sadat. The government cracked down hard on

most of its leadership had been jailed or executed. The statement was faxed to news agencies in Cairo. There was no way to verify it independently, though it followed the format of previous communiques from the group.

the group in 1994 and insisted that

Fitr holiday, a three-day celebration marking the end of the Ramadan month of fasting, which Police killed two suspected extremists in a shootout in the vil-

It arrived on the eve of the Id el-

km south of Cairo. Police said the men were want-

military government.

lage of Roda near Malawi, 260

Interior Ministry marked the Id by releasing 269 Moslem militants who have repented. More than 1,000 other prisoners have already been freed. According to opposition news-

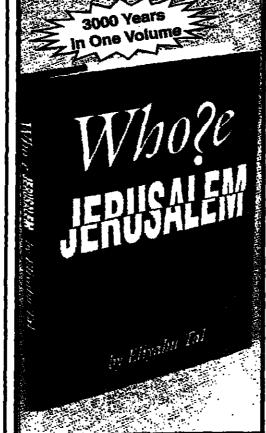
papers, the government also banned Moslems from offering holiday prayers outside more than 160 mosques in Egypt. Police fear that large crowds in neighbor-hoods and villages dominated by Moslem militants could spark disturbances.

at overthrowing the government, charging that Mubarak's regime the Middle East.

God, continues its fight toward the popular and military upris-The statement sent special

greetings to military servicemen and added: "We don't need to repeat our calls on you, our brothers, in the Egyptian armed forces to join the Moslems' ranks and not be left behind those ... who maned for the killing of a police aged to sweep tyrants away." (AP)

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had been sought since the network was broken up with the arrests of 93 people - including brothers Brahim and Mohammed Chalabi in 1994, was among those detained.

France seizes arms from

suspected Moslem terrorists

French police arrested 24 people and seized a cache of arms in raids on suspected Moslem extremists in the Paris region this week, police

Forty-five shoulder-fired weapons, 15 handguns, about 15,000 car-

tridges, explosive powder and equipment for changing the caliber of

weapons were found in one swoop at Persan Beaumont in the Val d'Oise

The 24 people arrested in early morning raids on some 15 locations in and around the capital were mostly Algerian and Tunisian critzens – with

just one Frenchman, at whose home the weapons were found, judicial

The Interior Ministry said the crackdown was a follow-up to an inves-

tigation opened in 1994 into a Moslem network headed by two brothers of Algerian origin suspected of supporting militants fighting Algeria's

A ministry statement gave details of the arms seized but did not men-

tion arrests. Judicial sources said that Taoufik Ayari - a Tunisian who

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The Orient House dilemma

charges on the issue of Jerusalem have been uncommonly vehement. But the announcement by Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal that foreign officials would be barred from Orient House, and foreign ministry pleas to foreign officials to avoid visits to Israel in the next three months indicate that the charges have hit a raw nerve.

Perhaps most disturbing is the evasiveness and disingenuousness with which ministers are responding to the Likud's accusations. Prime Minister Shimon Peres has asserted that the government cannot prevent foreigners from making social calls on Jerusalem residents. Faisal Husseini, he said, is not a member of the Palestinian Authority's cabinet, and as a plain resident he cannot be told not to accept visitors.

But neither the foreign dignitaries nor Husseini himself make a secret of the official character of the visits and the nature of the talks. Husseini may not have the title of the PA's foreign minister, but he serves as one. And it insults the intelligence of the public to imply that prominent statesmen make the trek to Orient House to discuss the weather.

Just as insulting is the notion that Shahal would station Israeli police outside Orient House's gates to prevent, say, Germany's foreign minister or Turkey's president from entering. Neither the government nor the opposition would want such an international incident to occur, nor does anyone believe it will. In fact, when asked if the ministry intends to take action to prevent foreign ministers from visiting Orient

THE government's denials of Likud House, the ministry's spokeswoman said "I don't believe so." That Shahal could therefore make the suggestion only indicates that the effects of election fever are more deleterious than hitherto realized.

Nor does it add to Israel's standing to suggest that foreign visits stop for the duration of the election campaign. In effect, it is a request to foreign governments to help Labor in the elections by sparing it political embarrassment. No one doubts that if Labor wins, Orient House will continue functioning at least in its present role, despite the violation of the Oslo-Cairo accords this role constitutes. To remove its activities from public scrutiny for three months is nothing less than a concealment of the truth.

The government also maintains that the Likud government, too, allowed Orient House to function as a Palestinian headquarters before June 1992. As one minister put it, "What was good enough for Shamir is good enough for us." But there was no Oslo agreement in force during the Likud rule, nor a Palestinian Authority ruling in Gaza, Jericho and all the Arab cities of Judea and Samaria. The role of Orient House today is to extend the Palestinian Authority's rule to Jerusalem, a role it could not play when no such rule existed.

The government can, of course, deal a lethal blow to the Likud charges. All it has to do is close Orient House. As Mayor Ehud Olmert has said, such a move will not affect the talks with the Palestinian Authority. It will only show that the government is serious in denying intentions to divide Jerusalem.

Defection reversal

THEN six months ago Saddam Hussein's son-in-law Hussein Kamal Y Hassan appeared in Amman as the most illustrious defector from the Baghdad tyranny, he said he expected to lead the campaign to depose Saddam.

But the opposition leaders in exile rejected his overtures. He had too much blood on his hands, they said. Too closely associated with the regime in people's mind, they charged, he is a savage butcher now changing sides not out of conviction but because he fears Saddam's irra-

Yesterday's events proved them right. Having defected with great fanfare, provided UN inspectors with an information bonanza about lrag's non-conventional weapons industry, and encouraged King Hussein to head an anti-Saddam Hussein Campaign. Hassan and his drothei (married to Saddam's other daughter) returned to Iraq with equal fanfare, in a convoy of luxury limousines provided by the king.

Some observers now believe that the defection was no more than a charade, a staged event with a still-unclear purpose. They think it may have been intended to cause the removal of UN sanctions on Iraq by divulging secret arms information through a "defector" rather than by Saddam himself.

But if there is one thing certain about the affair, it is that alliances, allegiances and affili-

Sir, - Dr. Dore Gold ("Syria:

Lone star in Mideast constellation,"

December 28), is to be congratulat-

ed for his analysis of the Syrian

dictator's moves and objectives. He

raises the crucial issue of whether

"the Clinton administration will be

willing to sacrifice Lebanon's inde-

pendence to expedite an Israeli-Syr-

ian accord." The author, however,

is mute on whether Israel itself

would be morally correct or geopo-

Overtures to the Syrian dictator-

ship are vain and futile now if true

and lasting peace is to be further

advanced in the Middle East. As-

sad's regime is a reflection of a

militaristic ruling elite issued from

the Alawite minority that oppresses

the majority of Syrians under the

forn banner of pan-Arabist Greater

Syria. Such tyranny should not be

further institutionalized in Syria and

expanded in Lebanon for the sake of

"peace." Rather, the next important

peace price should be Lebanon, not

An appropriate stance toward the

Assad regime should not be an offer

of compensation for its past aggressions against Israel which led to its

loss of the Golan Heights in the first

place. Instead, Syria should be re-

quired to remove its occupation

troops from Lebanon. Israel could

follow suit once Syria is no longer

present to stir the anti-Israel coals on

Once a peace treaty between Leb-

anon and Israel exists to Syria's

west to complement the one with

Jordan to Syria's south, Israel can

offer Assad's Alawite dictatorship

something more important than ter-

ritory: protection against the Sunni

dictatorship in Iraq in exchange for

Lebanon's southern border.

litically wise to do so.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

LEBANON FIRST

peace and useful diplomatic rela-

tions. Such a redirected peace pro-

cess will forestall any Israeli sellont

of Lebanon to a brutal Par Syriana

over the Levant. The West should

not betray Free Lebanon for

"peace." Decidedly, the peace-makers of the 1990s have it back-

wards - Lebanon should be next and

'PRESSURE AND

EXTORTION'

Sir, - How ironic that Shimon

Peres finally decided that now is the

time to renew the mandate "forged

by Rabin and myself." He's abso-

lutely right when he bemoans the

"pressure and extortion" which are

so much a part of our daily politics.

But where was he on that fateful

night when the Oslo 2 accords were

passed by a mere one vote, itself the

product of the very "pressure and extortion" which he now seeks to

distance himself from? As for the

mandate, there never was a majority

of Jewish Knesset members who

gave it to him. And according to the

polls which he now seems to favor,

neither did a majority of the Jewish

today and the government at that time, the one "forged by Rabin and

myself," had the courage to call for

a renewed mandate then, and Knes-

set members had been free to vote

according to their conscience, in-

stead of being partners in the ongo-

ing game of "pressure and

Ra'anana.

JUDY LEV

How different things might been

ART STONE

Syria only last.

Herndon, Virginia.

ations in the Middle East are as stable as shifting sand dunes. Only five years ago King Hussein, now not only Israel's most devoted and sincere friend in the region but head of the anti-Saddam effort, was Saddam's most dedicated supporter. In fact, only the king's collaboration enabled Saddam to break the UN blockade and ... defy the world community. Had Saddam been in unable to move supplies through the port of Akaba, Iraq would have found it difficult if not impossible to wage war.

And the defectors, who only weeks ago spoke of Iraq as a hopeless, ruthless tyranny, a crucible of nefarious plots against the world whose regime had to be overthrown for the sake of its people, will now undoubtedly return to Saddam's bosom. Iraq's official media, which until now have damned the defectors as mercenary traitors worthy of nothing less than the death penalty will now undoubtedly cheer their return as a great coup for the Baghdad regime and evidence of the West's decadence and

Before leaving Amman Hassan said, "The conspiracy against Iraq necessitates that I don't remain outside my country. I should be inside my country to defend it."

Judging by the speed with which words change their meaning in the Middle East, one can only hope that such talk does not mean that another Iraqi act of aggression is in the offing.

ACT NOW

Sir, - Congratulations to Esther Hertzog for "telling it as it is,"

concerning the treatment imposed on our Ethiopian Jewish community

"The day they stopped believing,"

20g's assessment of why their plight

has been ignored for so long and

hope her commentary will provide

the impetus for a much needed

change. Is it any wonder the most

recent demonstration turned violent,

although the Jews from Ethiopia are

by nature a gentle people? How

many times can they be expected to

It will take much caring and effort

to reverse the damage. And we must

give a loud and clear message to the

government and the responsible

agencies to act now. Our Ethiopian

ANTI-ISRAEL

Sir, - Although I almost always agree with David Bar-Illan in his

comments on bias in the media, I

must take exception to one state-

ment by his recent guest columnist

Andrea Levin in Eye on the Media,

in which she praises Barton Gellman

of the Washington Post. For the past

20 months, seemingly an eternity,

Barton Gellman has sent a series of

vitriolic dispatches from Israel that

can only be considered as Arab

demned net praised, for his cover-

age of Israel. Local Jewish newspa-

pers have not been reluctant to

express outrage at his writings; the

editors of The Jerusalem Post

NELSON MARANS

should share that view.

Silver Spring, Maryland

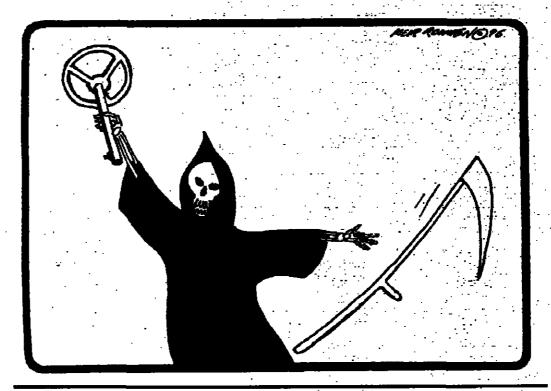
Barton Gellman should be con-

ELAINE KALLET

"turn the other cheek"?

citizens deserve no less.

February 2). I agree with Ms. Hert-



Blind eye to Saddam

Pollowing publication of a report by Lord Justice Scott this week, Britain has been shaken by another political scandal. The minister at the center of it is someone the Israeli public knows: William Waldegrave.

The accusation against Waldegrave is that when he was a junior minister in the Foreign Office in 1989, he deliberately deceived members of parliament over government guidelines on exporting war material to Iraq after the end of the Iran-Iraq war.

Waldegrave enabled the export of cylinders for use in constructing the notorious long-range Iraqi supergun," a move that was foiled when the cylinders were seized by British Customs in April 1990, a few months before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Waldegrave's deception, detailed in the Scott Report, was not known in Jerusalem when the iunior minister launched a vitriolic attack on Israel two months after Iraq occupied Kırwait.

In September 1990 he called on the US to reassess its strategic understanding with Israel, saying it was useless, and that the West would not be able to receive any help from Israel in the Iraq crisis.

Waldegrave's hutzpa came to a peak when in parliament he compared Israel to a dog that doesn't bark when burglars break into the house. The minister now stands accused of actually aiding the Iraqi burglars before they broke into Kuwait.

The aim of the unbridled attack on Israel at the height of the Kuwait crisis was to persuade the Arab countries to join the anti-Saddam coalition. It recalled the proposal in the 1950s by one of Waldegrave's predecessors, predecessors, Anthony Nutting, that Britain stage a single aerial attack on Israel "to convince the Arabs that Britain isn't pro-Israel."

In September 1990, at a Bush-

MOSHE ZAK

has it been revealed that the situation was not so simple.

IN HIS book The Politics of Diplomacy, secretary of state James Baker reveals that president Bush was inclined to accept the. Soviet proposal, but Baker and his aides persuaded Bush to avoid any

impassioned almost to the point of nperance," Baker writes.

Only now has Bush admitted (in an interview with David Frost) that he was wrong in estimating that Saddam's regime would fall after the end of the war - which was why he did not pressure for a capitulation ceremony. "The end it might have been," Bush admit-

Indeed, five years later, Saddam is still in power, and Iraqis are comments on current affairs.

dancing in the streets at the prospect of an alleviation of the

now trying to persuade Western businessmen to restore trade and he doesn't even draw the line at Israel. His principal aim is to break the blockade imposed on his country, and he is quite aware of Israel's great desire for links with Arab countries. He is trying to exploit this weak point via a large number of discreet

It would be a mistake to think that this confidential courting of Israel is for our benefit: It is intended to pave the way to Washington. Saddam hopes that interested US parties will eventually come to terms with doing

He knows that as late as January 1990, when he began his preparations for invading Kuwait, president Bush was still saying, not in America's best interests." contrast between that statement and the delays in granting guarantees to Israel.

The writer, a veteran journalist,

Gorbachev summit, the American president urged his Soviet counterpart to issue a joint statement condemning Iraq, and calling for international action against it. The Soviets suggested a linkage between the Kuwait crisis and the Arab-Israeli conflict, but the US rejected the proposal. Only now

linkage. "[Dennis] Ross

Britain's latest political scandal: **Business wins out** over morality

'You can't do that,' Ross said. "This will absolutely undercut what we're trying to do. We'll put the moderate Arabs in a position where Saddam is delivering for the Palestinians, and they're not. If we create linkage, he can claim victory. And if he does that, we're going to face a Middle East that is far more dangerous than we've

embargo imposed on Iraqi oil. Even Saddam's son-in-law Hussein Kamal, who defected to Jordan last year, has asked Saddam to forgive him and permit his return. The exchange rate of the dinar has increased fivefold, standing at 600 to the dollar, instead of 3,000. And Iraq remains a threat to its neighbors. With great cunning Saddam is

but tempting offers to Israel through various business chan-

business with him.

"Shelving the guarantees to Iraq is Bush didn't appreciate the ironic

There is considerable doubt that we would have achieved a peace treaty with Jordan without Irac's defeat in the war. But there is no doubt at all that any diplomatic or economic appeasement of Saddam today contains the seeds of a great many long-term dan-

A human rights hoax

received a call from the Women in Green organization to participate in a demonstration to free Shmuel Cytryn, who is being held in jail under administrative detention. Cytryn, who lives in Kiryat Arba, was arrested following the assassination of

The Women in Green felt that someone like me, who has been active in opposing administrative detention as it relates to Palestinians, should stand up for a Jewish settler who is similarly held in custody.

First let us understand why administrative detention is so objectionable. It is used to arrest individuals whom the security arm of the government feels are a threat to the state. The minimal period of internment is six months, with the possibility of an automatic, and indefinite, exten-

The individual is not accused of any specific violation of the

The normal due processes of law do not accompany the arrest, other than the application of British Mandate law that allowed for administrative detention. (It is ironic that Israel should employ the very method of arrest that it so opposed during the Mandate era.) As a result, in such arrests, no one knows what goes on hehind the cells' closed doors. Often those held under administrative detention suffer emotional, if not physical, abuse. Because of the secretive element of the arrest, it is difficult to

Often an element of collective punishment accompanies adminstrative detention. Shrauel Cytryn was arrested with a host of other settlers. Guilt by association has no place in an enlightened society.

uncover what happens to the pris-

DAVID FORMAN

formal charge made against him and without the possibility of any sort of trial. And without any judicial procedure, it is unfair to claim that he is a threat to the state. However, what is a threat to the state is the antidemocratic act of administrative

SO WHY, as one who railed against administrative detention of Palestinians, did I finally refuse to join the demonstration to free Shmuel Cytryn?

I would have joined the demonstration to free Shmuel Cytryn. But there was more on the agenda

At first I was most certainly prepared to do so, despite the fact that the request came from the Women in Green. Silent when hundreds of Palestinians were detained under administrative detention, suddenly their consciences are pricked when Jews are held in jail. It is hypocritical of right-wing

organizations to expect those of us in the liberal camp to come to their defense as proof of our evenhandedness, even as they exempt themselves from such a balance. They wave the banner of human rights only when it serves their needs. (Hypocrisy runs two ways. Those on the left did not rush to protest the arrest of Shmuel Cytryn.)

Yet even this should not have So Cytryn, along with other deterred me from defending any settlers, sits in jail, without a individual whose human rights

But as I was walking to the demonstration, I passed a number of posters sporting pictures of more than a dozen Jewish settlers who were either being held under administrative detention or were defined as being political prison-

Shmuel Cytryn's portrait was prominently displayed on the poster. Just below his picture was another portrait, of Ami Popper who indiscriminately opened fire on Palestinian workers at a Rishon Lezion intersection, killing seven

Ami Popper was not arrested under the terms of administrative detention. He was tried in a court of law and convicted of multiple murders in that same court. He was not a victim of a "witchhunt.

As soon as I saw Cytryn's picture next to Popper's, I realized that my participation in the demonstration to free Shmuel Cytryn would be a fraud.

To hide behind a moral cloak of opposition to administrative detention to ultimately free the likes of Ami Popper is unacceptable. To draw others into this deceptive web is unconscionable.

Shmuel Cytryn should be released from jail immediately. If he has committed a crime, he should be charged appropriately.

But don't expect human rights activists to participate in demonstrations where convicted murderers and administrative detainees are lumped together. To do this undermines the legitimacy of protesting the application of administrative detention against any individual. Ultimately, it harms the cause of opposing administrative detention in gener-

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Ritual mocker

ELYAKIM HA'ETZNI

hen state-controlled media in nondemocratic countries cater slavishly to the regime, we feel righteous revulsion. Last month we derided the Palestinian press for acting as Arafat's monthpiece in the Palestinian elections.

But now our own media, too, are acting as government lackeys.

Take the forming of the new Likud-Tsomet bloc. First, the press showed disingenuous con-cem: Won't this match alienate Meretz followers who might otherwise be tempted to vote Tsomet? Will it not, heaven forbid, repel the religious, who anyway remember that video clip?! (Yes, the video clip! Don't forget that video clip!)

This was followed by the kind of jeering that invariably accompanies political maneuvers on the right. A typical example was the use of Mendelssohn's Wedding March as background music for a television feature on the Likud-Tsomet signing. Surely, inferred the program, you can't take this farce seriously.

No such mockery is ever directed at the left, but not for want of material.

Shimon Peres recently went through his obeisance ritual at the court of the Vishnitzer Rebbe. Time and again Labor and Arych Deri have performed carefully staged minuets. Arafat's intimate advisor, that exemplary Israeli Ahmed Tibi, is a permanent smiling presence in the heart of Israel's establishment.

And there is always that comicopera tableau of sycophantic Israelis standing in line to pay homage to Arafat, Suha and the illustrious baby.

Why is it that the media never deem such material fit for satire and caricature, let alone mockery and contempt? Because they are guided by an iron-clad rule: the left is invariably serious and honorable. The right is a circus.

An all-time record was reached in the Channel 2 interview Dan Shilon granted Binyamin Netanyahu. (This is not an error. It was a Shilon interview. Netanyahu only served as a sounding board.)

An alarming case of mobilized media disease

Shilon scolded his guest like an impatient teacher reprimanding a slow pupil. Glowering at him with withering stares, he raised his voice, wagged his finger and

interrupted time and again. Yet Netanyahu not only repre sents half the population. He has distinguished himself as an officer in the army's most select unit, he was Israel's most successful ambassador to the UN, and has served as deputy foreign minister. He took over a beaten, bankrupt Likud, split by warring camps and bereft of functioning institutions. And he united the party, eliminated its factions imposed order, and paid off its heavy debts. Now he is a credible candidate for the premiership. Would Shilon badger a Laborite with such qualifications?

WITH palpable condescension, Shilon first recited primitive insults penned by that poisondripping doggerel-grinder Haim Hefer. "Bibi is a mask, a salesman, a cobbler" he jeered, and treating this bit of profundity as holy writ - demanded to know, "What do you say to that, Mr. Netanyahu?!

"And what would you do as prime minister?" he later roared. promptly greeting Netanyahu's reply, "As premier I..." with Why don't you show a little humility?"

Then, using a gimmick that would shame a kindergarten teacher, Shilon brandished a tots' storybook named "Teddy-bear no no" and demanded to know if Netanyahu reads bedtime stories to his children, and if he is the Teddy-bear "who can't say yes. Yes to peace. Yes to Arafat." And has any interviewer ever asked "Have you noticed how many times you've used the word "no" in your last sentences?"

To grasp the import of this show one must recall Shilon's interview with Shimon Peres some weeks before. This same tenacious bulldog, this ferocious cross-examiner, had nothing but dulcet tones, obseguious awe and fawning reverence for the leader of the political camp of his choice. He did everything but

The election campaign is only beginning. The mobilized media disease will inexorably spread. But in a democracy such Bolshevism must be rejected. For, ultimately, people get the media and government they deserve.

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5- Students usually meet their 'little siblings' twice a week and help them 'scholastically, socially or culturally.'

A little kindness goes a long way

Back in 1974, two students at the Weizmann Institute were driving home to their apartment on a cold, rainy winter night. Suddenly they saw two bedraggled kids, waiting for a lift. The couple stopped and asked them why they were out in the rain.

"We're running away from our dormitory," they said. "We can't stand it anymore." Rouny and Ruthy Attar, the two Weizmann students, felt compassion and brought the kids

into their home, gave them a hot meal and let

The children had a list of gripes. They felt alienated from their peers and had no one at the boarding school who was interested in their troubles. After listening to their complaints and promising they would stay in touch. Ronny and Ruthy persuaded the kids to return to school. They stayed in touch, helping the kids with homework, taking them on outings and

becoming their friends. "That's how Perah started," says Amos Carmeli, director of the huge student "big brother" operation which matches 19,000 students nationwide with as many kids, most of whom are in the third to sixth grade.

Ronny, today a doctor in computers, and Ruthy, a social worker, first brought the idea of students adopting needy kids to Prof. Haim the greatest fans of Perah and have mar Harari who was dean of the Feinberg examples why they are so enthusiastic. Graduate-School of the Weizmann Institute at Alan worked with a boy from a single-parent the time and today is chairman of the board.

Harari liked the idea and gave the project impetus. He spoke with community leaders, the Council for Higher Academic Education, government ministers and the heads of other universities. Eventually, a highly efficient and wellstructured framework developed which encompassed all the nation's academic institutions.

EXCEPT for professional staff at the main office and the heads of the eight regional offices, all of Perah's work is carried out by students, who receive a scholarship covering 43 percent of their tuition as payment.

More than 400 students work as coordinators, generally supervising 40 to 50 cases. They introduce the student to his "little brother," suggest methods of working with him, keep contact with the school and families and facilitate difficulties as they turn up.

Students generally meet with their "little brother" twice a week for two hours each time. They help him scholastically, socially or culturally," says Yael Achai, the director of the A program matching university students with 'little brothers' has been a success for both sides, Leah Abramowitz writes

Rehovot region. "The students are taught to first accent each child's best qualities. It's important to build up a youngster's self-esteem. Only afterwards will the university student go on to help him in his weaker areas."

The most common type of help is homework assistance. But Perah students often join the kids in "fun" activities; they take them on outings, introduce them to new places and give them companionship.

This continuous contact over a year also has an influence on the child's family and school environment. Teachers and social workers are the greatest fans, of Perah and have many

family. The mother was making a valiant effort to raise him and his siblings, and she relied on an "uncle" who lived upstairs to help her.

Alan noticed that his "little brother" and the other children were unusually afraid of this "uncle." He discovered that the children were violently abused by the man, who said he was only disciplining them. They were severely beaten, punished in cruel manners and were so terrified that their schoolwork suffered.

Alan reported his findings to the local authorities. When the mother was unwilling to break off with the "uncle," the children were taken out of the house and put into foster care. Alan continued to visit them, even though they no longer lived in the same city. This way he provided an important link and anchor for the children, and helped them overcome their traumatic experience.

Perah kids may be children with social problems, the offspring of prisoners, weak students, chronically ill children or those with handicaps. Rahel, a Hebrew University student, was assigned a fifth grader who was just recovering from cancer. She had missed a great deal of school and was worn out from the exhausting treatment she had undergone. Her family was

incapable of helping her.
The child had an additional difficulty when Rahel first met her. She was embarrassed to be seen in public, because her face was distorted. her hair had fallen out and her muscles were very weak. Rahel started working with her at home by improving the child's reading skills.

She accustomed her to getting out of the house by taking her for walks. She played games with her and introduced the family to these activities. Gradually, under Rahel's direction, the parents and the siblings began relating to the child in a natural and more pos-

The big day came when the child went back to school. Rahel spoke with the teacher, who then prepared the class for the child's handicaps. The girl was accepted by her classmates, and Rahel continued to give backup assistance and moral support for the rest of the year.

ALTHOUGH one-to-one contacts account for 80% of the organization's focus. Perah students have recently developed special projects. Medical students have organized health-education programs, guiding classes in subjects such as nutrition, dental hygiene, sex education and a accident prevention.

For gifted children, a special science enrichment program was developed by students in scientific faculties. A number of "hands-on science centers" have been established by Perah to help children understand the laws of nature and conduct experiments.

In addition, all the universities have established enrichment centers, where educational games, books, computers and other equipment are readily available to assist the Perah worker stimulate his "little brother."

Perah's budget is covered by both public and private funding. The Council for Higher Academic Education, the Education Ministry and the universities give substantial backing. Firms such as Delek and Israel Discount Bank, as well as private donors, make Perah's programs possible.

"The great thing about Perah is that every-one scores," says Yael Achai. "The child gains a big brother; the students gain financial assistance with their studies and valuable life experience; and society as a whole is enriched by the results."

Distinguish between a child's feeling and action

RUTH MASON

Y four-year-old has been poking my breasts lately. I get angry at him when he does it. It seems aggressive on his part, but maybe it's only curiosity. I should mention I'm still nursing his 14-month-old sister. How should I handle this? Alan Flushman, MD, child and adult psychiatrist, replies:

It depends whether your child is doing this aggressively or with anger. A woman's body is never the legitimate object of violence. even that of a little child. Your question suggests that you under-stand that the elder child may be jealous of his nursing baby sister. which is a legitimate feeling.

However, children are not born with the inalienable right to express their feelings in every way possible.

I suggest that you make a clear distinction between feeling and acting, and provide a guiding parental hand in both. In dealing with your son's feelings, ask whether he recalls being nursed. You can tell him - if it is true that you loved him and cared for him in exactly the way you now care for his sister. You can say that he really loved nursing and so did you, and that he may still feel sad or angry about the fact of stopping

or the way you stopped.

If you feel very comfortable with saying such things - and cer-tainly not when you're feeling angry - you might add that he could have all kinds of angry wishes when he feels jealous. including a wish to destroy your breasts in order to take revenge on you or to deprive his sister.

If this sort of statement is true, it will pass in and out of the child's consciousness in an instant. But during that instant, he will realize that you can understand and accept those kinds of feelings and that you won't stop being his mother, even for an instant. This indeed, may be the anxiety motivating the behavior in the first place.

If the older child did not nurse. the approach is the same with some modification to explain the difference. You could say: "I wasn't ready to nurse, but I was able to take care of you and love you and feed you just as well with the bottle, and I felt that I was just a fine mother that way too."

Regarding your son's behavior. he needs a very clear message that your breasts are part of your body. not his. He needs your reassurance that you will not allow him to do anything to hurt you. This is



safe with whatever fantasies he entertains: you will not allow him to realize such imaginings.

You could suggest that he talk about his rage or express it with a special doll or pillow breast-substitute that he could use to express

As for nonaggressive curiosity, mothers vary in how they feel about letting four- and five-yearold sons exploring their body, I think the key question is whether the mother feels that the exploration shows the child needs to be reassured about his continued relationship with mother's breast.

If the mother feels threatened, or some degree of sexual arousal. then the exploration is probably too determined by sexualization or aggression to be of any use to the child's growth. Otherwise, a mother comfortable with an older child's exploration of her breasts should be free to decide what she

I really want to share things with my parents but I feel I can't. The other day, I brought my John Denver album into the living room and really wanted my m to listen to it, and she just got irritated. She says she's too busy and doesn't have time. It makes me feel bad. How can I get them to share the things I love? I'm 15.

Charlotte Slopak, PhD. clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst,

Most 15-year-olds are primarily concerned with their peers, and want to spend their free time with them. At home, they often want

In light of that, there are two ways to approach this question.

Maybe you feel, justifiably, that your parents are not sufficiently interested in or involved with you. While your parents may not enjoy the same music as you, what's more important is that they may be neglecting to spend time with you one-on-one. Ask them to sit down ngether with you to discuss this.

You may decide with them, for example, to schedule one afternoon or evening each week when you and your mother or both parents do something together you can all enjoy.

There are questions you need to consider: Is it possible that your mother is troubled by something now, or that there are marital problems, and that she indirectly expresses this by seeming to be preoccupied or by being irritable?

It is fairly common for midteenage daughters and mothers to be irritated by each other. On the other hand, is it hard for you to make friends? Do you feel left out of group activities? Are you very shy or having social anxieties? Do you think you may be overly dependent on your parents, which may irritate them because they do not understand that they can help you with a social problem? Try talking to them, or to an understanding teacher, aunt or youth group counselor. Finally, if you can't get your parents to sit down and talk with you at all, find out if there is a guidance counselor or school psychologist who can help you figure things out. Good luck! If you have a question about

parenting, write to: Parenting,

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Laboratories get into the Bigfoot legend act gorilla, for centuries the subject of and others believe.

Stories have always been told about things that happened along old Mill Creek Road, the trail of bumps and switchbacks that winds up from the farms of southeastern Washington to the husbed and empty ranges of the Blue Mountains.

The large, human-like footprints

found along the creek. The sounds heard late at night outside the lonely cabins on the upper end of the road. The man who was riding his motorcycle and saw something in the brush, about four meters tall, that made a weird, high-pitched scream. As far back as the 1920s, there were reports of a family of huge

"man-creatures" skulking up near homesteads along the nearby Coppei River. Six dairy cows were said to have been herded away by the beasts. One by one, the homesteaders left and moved back to town. But the stories persisted, As long as anyone remembers, it has been an item of belief for many here that Bigfoot walks the Blue

Up north here, we growed up with this thing. People would say. 'Look out for the wild man.' Man, how can you doubt it when you still got diapers on and they got a picture of you pointing at a Bigfoot track?" said Wes Sumerlin, a Walla Walla mountain man whose alleged sighting of two ape-like creatures about 10 kilometers off Mill Creek Road last summer has led to hopes of the first scientific evidence of the

Sumerlin and two colleagues came back with clumps of hair that Ohio State University researchers are testing for DNA comparisons. The tests, said Oregon primate zoologist H. Henner Fahrenbach.

could legitimize, to my mind at

least, the sightings, the footprints,

Northern California to the dense forests of British Columbia, the legends of Sasquatch have been handed down over hundreds of years, a Northwest version of the fearsome fable - from the Grendel of Beowulf to the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas - that is as old as the forest and the night. Now, years after much of the for-

est has given way to suburbs, the Sasquatch is in resurgence all over the Northwest, a cultural phenomenon that is at least as remarkable as any scientific evidence uncovered in the DNA labs.

Mainstream scientists have scoffed at reports of a man-ape lurking in the forests of the Northwest, something akin to the great apes that dwelt in East Asia approximately half a million years ago. Not only is it unlikely that one wouldn't have been seen and clearly photographed by now, but it would be difficult for so large an animal to find adequate food in the wild lands that remain, they say.

"As an evolutionist, I'd love to see the thing. But to my knowledge. most of the time when these things are finally traced down, they prove to be hoaxes of one type or another, or they never finalize them into any resolution," said Daris Swindler, professor emeritus of physical anthropology at the University of Washington.

On the other side are a handful of anthropologists, zoologists and others who say it is possible that the great apes could have crossed the Bering Sea along the ancient ice passage into North America - and survived by cunning, brawn and shyness in the huge tracts of forests in the Northwest. The mountain

wild tales among native Africans, wasn't officially discovered by European scientists until the 1840s, they note.
We have an enormous amount of

circumstantial evidence. We have footprints by the tens of thousands.... I have a giant footprint that is 55 centimeters. And they go bigger than that. The second thing we have is sightings, and they number in the thousands. They're from people in all walks of life, from game wardens to loggers, plain old grandmas, police officers with 20,000candlepower searchlights," said Fahrenbach, who teaches a course on Bigfoot science at Portland Community College.

Gordon Krantz, anthropology professor at Washington State University, estimates that there have been approximately a quarter of a million Bigfoot 'events" over the past 40 years. He said he has tracked nearly identical reports from the Northwest into western China and the former Soviet Central Asia, supporting his theory that the ancient Gigantopithecus the greatest ape that ever lived, some three meters tall - did not die off in Asia 400,000 years ago but crossed over into North America,

and survived in small numbers. The story from last fall has been discounted by some Bigfoot investigators because it involves Paul Freeman, who is believed to have faked some Bigfoot evidence in the past. But Sumerlin and Bill Laughery said they know all the stories about Freeman and he could not have faked what they saw.

Sumerlin has a good reputation in the Blue Mountains, even among skeptics.

Hair samples the trio collected finally will tell the tale. Sumerlin

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Paul Fuerst, associate professor of molecular genetics at Ohio State University, said technical problems have delayed completion of the tests. He said the tests, if they can be completed, "will either show that it was something we know, a bear or a squirrel, or they will show whether it is in fact an unknown species." Los Angeles Times	DVisa	Clisracerd	SDiners .	Exp.	Limited Stock
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Issue should raise NIS 400m.

In particular, shares will be

THE Treasury yesterday submit-ted its proposal for a public offer-ing of shares in Bank Discount to the Knesset Finance Committee

The offering will comprise between 14 percent and 16% of the bank's share capital in the form of both shares and options. The options will be exercisable in

At the minimum price set by the Treasury, the issue is expected to raise between NIS 395 million and NIS 435m. immediately.

This represents 43%-48% of the total income expected from the offering; the remainder will be raised when the options are exercised. A prospectus for the offer-ing is to be published by the end

of the month. At around this same time, the Treasury will begin making purchase offers to institutional investors both here and abroad. with the goal of getting advance orders for 60% of the offering.

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in England, France, Switzerland The negotiations with foreign institutions will be handled by the US firm Lehman Brothers and the

offered to institutional investors

French Societe Generale. The Israeli offering will be handied by a consortium of 30-50 underwriters, led by Clal Issuers,

I.B.I., Leader Issues and Eyal Securities. Some 10% of the total offering will be reserved for the approximately 6,000 employees of Discount and its fully-owned sub-

Each employee will be able to purchase 60%-70% of his monthly salary worth of shares, at a price 25% less than the official

minimum price. Discount will provide loans for employees wishing to take advantage of this offer.

These shares will be non-negotiable for four years, however.

Insurance companies to charge deductibles for stolen cars

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

THE Treasury will allow insurance companies to charge a car theft insurance deductible in order to help the firms reduce the losses they have incurred due to the growing number of car thefts, Insurance Commissioner Doron

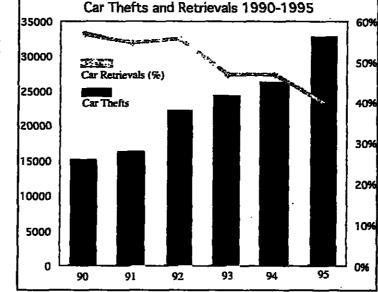
Shorer said yesterday.
Car thefts increased 26 percent last year to 32,670 from 26,000

Meanwhile, retrievals of stolen cars decreased by about 7% in the same period. As a result, insurance companies lost almost \$500 million last year.

Shorer said that insurance companies, which up until now have not imposed deductibles, will be allowed to set deductibles of up to NIS 1,250 for stolen cars and those totalled in accidents.

By permitting deductibles and allowing insurance companies to set their prices according to the deductibles, insurance companies will also become more competitive, Shorer said

He added that he hopes the new policy will also make car owners



more vigilant in defending their cars against theft.

If as a result of the deductibles the frequency of car thefts drops from the current level of 2.5% to able to reduce premiums by 10%. The Treasury recently allowed insurance companies to raise their

Shorer also recommended that in the case of car thefts, insurance companies should reduce the payment period from 45 to 30 days.

Bezeq introduces new services

voice mail service, a computerized information service on new telephone numbers and a roundthe-clock business office have

Yitzhak Kaul, director-general of the public telecommunications company, yesterday announced at a press conference the introduction of four new services available to the majority of subscribers already attached to digital

Instead of calling the 188 operator to make collect calls, anyone can dial from a push-button phone to arrange a collect call inside the

Just dial 142 and follow the instructions. The caller is asked to key in the phone number (including the area code) to which he wants to reverse the charges. The automated system, which can handle 360 such calls simultaneously, calls the number to get approval: if the call is okayed, the caller records his name and the person on the other end of the line may approve the arrangement. The extra charge is NIS 1 for the first minute and 50 agorot for each additional minute.

Bezeg invested NIS 5 million

phone line are also being offered. New voice mail services include the dispatching of impessages in one's own voice on the date and at

The computerized answering-

The service, which costs NIS

If a phone number has been changed, one need only dial 146 and follow instructions to get the new number automatically. In addition, dial 199 any time of the day or night to obtain information on services and fees and order

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hollinger dividend raised, Kissinger joins board: Hollinger International Inc., the publishing company which owns 397 non-dailies and 137 dailies including the Chicago Sun-Times the Daily Telegraph and The Jerusalem Post, announced Tuesday a quarterly dividend of \$0.10 per share, four times its level since the third quarter of 1994. The company also appropried the election of 10 new ter of 1994. The company also announced the election of 10 new directors, including Dr. Henry Kissinger, Ambassador Robert Strauss, and Lord Weidenfeld.

Elron Electronics Industries and Arel Computers and Software intend to establish a joint company which would merge the technologies of Arel's ARCOM product with Elron's I-FAX products.

nologies of Arel's ARCOM product with Eiron's 1-14th product.

Arel will invest \$2 million in return for 80 percent of the new company, of which 5% will be held as options for employees. Eiron will invest \$500,000 in return for 20%, with an option to purchase an additional 7.5% of outstanding capital share from Arel at \$6.125 per share. The deal is to be approved following due-diligence.

Rachel Neiman

Robomatix Technologies yesterday announced the final terms of the settlement agreement of a class-action suit brought against the company by shareholders who claimed the company had withheld

information in its 1994 prospectus.

The company has denied all claims and made no admission of wrongdoing but has agreed to pay expenses on the suit. It will also allocate 250,000 shares of Robomatix common stock and warrants to acquire an additional 200,000 shares after 1999.

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Ernst Neuman, a Netanya plastics manufacturing firm, has won a NIS 22m. contract to provide the Israel Electric Corporation with fiberglass cooling system pipes for the new power station to be erected at the Ruttenberg site in Ashkelon.

Galileo Technologies has raised \$2.9 million in a private placement to an investor group led by venture capital fund Weiss. Pack and Greer. Other investors included the Nitzanim and Tikva funds. Galileo plans to expand both its San Jose and Israeli centers.

Clal has been named by Lehman Brothers as Israel's top performer in its Global Emerging Markets equity strategy for the first quarter

Among Maof Index companies Clal ranked first with a return yield of 7.42 percent – followed by Discount Investments, IDB Holdings, Clal Industries, Bank Hapoalim, Delek, Tadiran SuperSol and Israel

The 10 worst performers for the first quarter of 1996 were First International, with a negative return yield of -7.82%, Teva. Properties and Building, Elco, Africa-Israel, Clal Electronics, Machteshim and Dead Sea Works.

Rachel Neiman

WORLD BRIEFS

EU, Morocco to formally sign trade deal: Morocco and the European Union will formally signed two key accords on Monday covering trade and cooperation and fishing, diplomats said yesterday. The accords were initialled in November after months of wrangling over issues such as canned sardines, cut flowers, tomatoes and access

for EU fishing to Moroccan fishing grounds.

The trade and cooperation accord is part of a series of similar deals the EU is piecing together with non-EU Mediterranean nations as part of its Euro-Med policy to create a free trade zone over the next

The EU already has similar deals with Israel and Tunisia, is actively negotiating with Jordan and Egypt, is about to open talks with the Palestinian Authority, and has received a request from Syria for negotiations to begin as soon as possible.

EU to try to settle feta cheese dispute: The European Commission will try to resolve a touchy dispute yesterday over what kind of cheese has earned the right to be called "feta". Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler, who has drawn up a plan for protecting the names of 320 European food products, has proposed that the label be restricted to feta cheese made from goat's milk in Greece. But that has drawn fire from Denmark, which argues that the decision would drastically cut into its exports of feta cheese produced from

Kenya Airways is set to follow other successful flotations in Nairobi by offering its shares relatively cheaply to attract small investors, market analysts said yesterday.

A Frankfurt bourse trader parades as a computer terminal as dealers relax and celebrate carnival day yesterday. Trading volume was as light as the mood on the trading floor. S. Africa won't use forex reserves to fight market

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - South Africa will not fight the foreign exchange market to defend the ailing rand or target its exchange rate. Finance Minister Chris Liebenberg said yesterday.

The fall in the rand had not changed the government's thinking on its approach or timing to the easing of foreign exchange controls "one iota", he told an investment conference.

"We will not use the country's foreign exchange reserves to fight the market; at best we will soothe the exchange rate," he said. "The South African Reserve Bank is not targeting the exchange rate to

control inflation." The rand fell heavily at the end of last week on unfounded rumors about President Nelson Mandela's health and talk of an imminent easing in exchange controls.

Liebenberg said any relaxation in exchange controls would have to be "prudent and responsible," but he said the government had not been blown off course by the market's plunge.

He gave no indication on the timing or nature of the

next step in dismantling exchange controls. Liebenberg said the rand decline underlined the need to maintain fiscal discipline and get the economic fundamentals right in order to reassure overseas investors. Both issues were a high priority for

Equity capital went up to NIS

Bank Mizrahi NY reports '95 net earnings of \$7\(\bar{2}2\),000

Bank Yerushalayim announces increase in net profit

BANK Mizrahi New.York yester day announced net profits-last year of \$722,000, compared with net losses of \$4.7m. in 1994. Equity dropped to \$303m. from



\$330m. in 1994. Bank Mizrahi New York granted \$142m. in credit last year, compared with \$129m. in 1994. The bank said that in previous years that it had been damaged by

Bank Mizrahi pointed out that the current recovery of its New York division was done without funding from the Israeli division. The recovery plan included cutbacks in personnel and the closure of the bank's Borough Park

Center headquarters. Bank Yerushalyim reported a rise in annual net profits to NIS 7.2m, from NIS 6.54m. in 1994.

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164.3m. from NIS 123.3m., the result of a NIS 38.5m. rights issue intended to allow the bank to increase activity in the future.

Return on net equity capital decreased to 5.1% from 8% on The decline in the rate of return the US recession and plummeting was due to the increase in equity.

The bank, a mortgage and real estate prices in the US mar-

development bank, granted NIS 4.9 billion in credit last year, as compared with NIS 4.1b. in the previous year. In January, the bank instituted a new business policy intended to widen and diversify its activities. customer base and funding

branch. The bank now operates solely out of its Rockefeller Bank Yerushalayim said it intends to enter the private banking sector serving foreign residents as well as capital market

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the time set in advance.

machine service launched in some areas bas now expanded to the whole country (where digital exchanges exist). Subscribers may collect messages left when one is not home or when his line is busy, and hear them by dialling free from his own line or for a fee from any other phone.

7.12 per month, works even if the subscriber doesn't have a phone in any particular location (for selling a car, collecting matrimonial ads, etc.). So far, 40,000 subscribers have already signed up for this service. Kaul predicted 400,000 will have it by the middle of the

Telrad to provide Mayanmar with telephone services

TELRAD has closed a deal to provide the telephone services provider of the Republic of Mayanmar (Burma) with \$10 million in telecommunications

The order includes public telephone switchboards and related equipment. Telrad has already

provided equipment to Mayanmar in the past and is the primary supplier of switching equipment to

the city of Rangoon Telrad is a 100% subsidiary of

Koor reports \$19m. in exports

to Myanmar for 1995, which included raw materials for industry, infrastructure products, fertilizers and pesticides and telecommunications equipment.

The agreement was made during a visit by Koor CEO Benny

Gaon and Telrad general manager Bezalel Levin with Telecommunications Minister Soe Tha.

In another development, Nesher Israel Cement Enterprises is considering establishing a cement factory in Myanmar in partnership with the local government.

Purim safety effort begins RACHEL NEIMAN

THE Industry and Trade Ministry kicked off the pre-Purim season with a bang, raiding a Mama Yokero toy shop in Rehovot and seizing packages of 25 firecrackers. Each contained over 100 grams of explosive

The ministry, together with the Education Ministry, the Tax Authority. the police and the Standards Institute of Israel yesterday announced a joint effort to ensure Purim safety.

An array of dangerous toys - primarily firecrackers, toy weapons and spray foam - was displayed.
"We are entering a two-week period of Purim festivities, and much is

dependant on the cooperation between government agencies and the communications media in getting across this message." Deputy Industry and Trade Minister Masha Lubelsky said

The Education Ministry has issued a lesson plan on Purim safety to be implemented on the primary school level. Noah Rabinowitz, in charge of Environmental Safety for the Education Ministry, said his office's efforts had dramatically brought down the number of reported accidents to five in 1995, as compared

The Trade and Industry Ministry has issued a list of types of toys containing explosive or dangerous materials which are forbidden for import. The list includes certain types of fireworks, highly realistic toy weapons,

flammable sprays and others. Tax Authority representative Haim Ohev-Ami said most toys of this kind came from the Far East.

The Tax Authority, which this year permitted over one million shipments into Israel, could not inspect every container of imports, he said. However, it did carry out random inspections, assisted by inside information, tips and with the seasonal nature of such products in mind. Lubelsky said the punishment, which is currently only a fine, is not

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introduced IBM Multimedia

Server for AIX, a UNIX-based

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compressed audio and video data

from RS/6000 servers to client

computers to provide multimedia

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rate networks now often referred

IBM's stock rose \$1.75 to

A blistering New Year rally

had lifted gold to a six-year high

near \$418 on February 2 after it

had languished below \$400 for

lack of speculator interest for two

It began to seem that \$400

would be the new trading floor.

rather than the ceiling which it

But dealers said yesterday's

Tuesday's gyrations after New

York reopened from a US long

holiday weekend may throw

doubt on that. Today could be

The gold market had been

calm this week, with Chinese

New Year celebrations in Asia

also putting a dampener on

Silver and the other white met-

had been through 1995.

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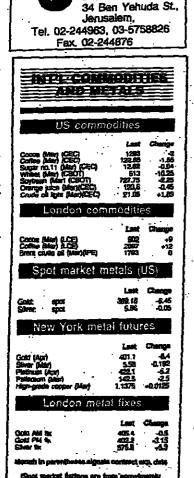
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IBM introduces its own Internet software, services

tional Business Machines Corp., work management computer seeking to capture a major slice products - including PC server, of the Internet market, yesterday unveiled a broad array of software and services to tap the global computer network using the

The new offerings mark a mafor step in the development of the fledgling Internet, allowing customers to unlock the vast amounts of data stored on existing databases and other systems,

IBM said it will integrate its Internet products and services with those of other companies, a move that gives the giant computer maker an immediate edge against its lesser-known rivals.

*Customers of all sizes are getting connected to the Internet and looking for novel ways to use it," said Nicholas Donofrio, senior vice president and group executive of IBM's server group.

'Now it's time to move beyond the exploratory stage to full, practical realization of its benefits. The hottest content for the Internet is the content our customers already have on their computing systems."

The new offerings can be used

GM to merge

Pontiac and

GMC divisions

PONTIAC, Mich. (Reuter) -

General Motors Corp. aiming to

sharpen its marketing efforts,

said yesterday it will merge its

Ronald Zarrella, GM vice pres-

ident and group executive for

North American sales, service and

marketing, said the merger will

result in the new Pontiac-GMC

Division that will market cars and

trucks in the United States

through 3,736 franchised dealers.

represents a continuing effort at

General Motors to configure our

organization to achieve the most

effective, efficient results for our

customers, dealers and stockhold-

ers." Zarrella said in a statement.

Pontiac sold 599,123 vehicles,

while GMC's sales totalled a re-

During the 1995 calendar year.

"The Pontiac-GMC Division

Pontiac and GMC divisions.

AS/400 minicomputer, RS/6000 workstation and S/390 large-scale

server, or mainframe, lines, The offerings include software, company's major hardware such as the IBM PC System View 4.0, that will allow an organization to manage PC networks through the Internet with a Web browser, or software used to navigate the Internet.

New models of IBM's PC 700 server line will allow customers to create their own Internet sites.

The new PC 700 models also allow administrators of local area computer networks to turn on the power of unattended network PCs from remote locations, so that computer users do not have to leave their network PCs on in order to get software updates.

The product comes with three months of free time on the IBM Global Network, one of the world's largest data and voice networks and Internet providers. IBM's OS/390 operating sys-

tem for running its large-scale S/390 servers is designed to provide easier access to the Internet. Moreover, IBM said it plans to

make its \$/390 computer systems more compatible with Sun Micro- Exchange in afternoon trading.

LONDON (Reuter) - A New

Year bull market in gold looked

as if it might be in real trouble

yesterday when a sell-off on US

futures sent the price skidding be-

low the psychologically-signifi-

New York gold futures broke

"Everybody is selling," one

dealer said. Funds and commis-

sion houses liquidated long posi-

tions and some analysts cited

worries about a possible rise in

US interest rates which could be

Spot gold followed futures

down when it plunged below \$398

per onnce in late London, al-

though it showed signs of trying a

rebound. It was around \$398.50

by 1900 GMT yesterday in vola-

below that level yesterday for the

first time in five weeks.

negative for gold.

cant threshold of \$400 an ounce.

systems Inc.'s Java programming

The company also launched "IBM infoSage," an Internet online news and information delivery service that delivers individyear for growth and low inflation. ually-tailored selections of up to

30 stories twice each business day to subscribers. IBM introduced, initially in North America, three Internet PC Server offerings - software included with a PC Server 320 that makes it easy for resellers to terest rates. customize Internet Web servers

"{The} economy [is] basically It said the new products will work with IBM's Internet Connection Secure Server and OS/2 Warp Server, Netscape Commulikely to be temporary." nications Corp.'s Commerce

Greenspan said the low level of long-term interest rates and a recently should help the

Stock and bond prices fell

Greenspan also said it was hard to shrink anytime soon.

dismal.

"It seems that February is doing a shade better in some of the weekly data," the Fed chief said, but added that very little data has been available for this mouth.

pansion on track.

slip into recession.

'US economic weakness temporary'

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said yesterday that the economy's recent weakness should prove temporary and that 1996 will be a good

In his semiannual economic report to Congress, Greenspan said the Fed. the nation's central bank, faced a "continuing challenge" in conducting monetary policy, but gave no clear indication of the future direction of in-

on track for sustained growth," Greenspan said in prepared testimony to a House Banking subcommittee. "Any weakness is

'pronounced'' rise in stock prices

sharply yesterday, however, after rising steadily in recent months on hopes for continued economic growth with low inflation.

to predict whether recent signs of weakness will lead the economy

"It's very difficult to say," Greenspan said in response to a question at a House banking subcommittee hearing. "The numbers we've seen so far for the month of January obviously were

Policy-makers at the Fed cut interest rates in late January for the third time in seven months in a bid to bolster the economy and keep the nearly five-year-old ex-

But recent reports have indicated the economy slowed markedly in the fourth quarter and in the early part of this year. Despite that, many economists see little chance that the nation will

In the latest report issued yesterday, the nation's main economic forecasting gauge rose in December after three months of declines, the Conference Board reported, suggesting at least some residual strength in the

Bezeq leads indexes higher

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ 203.16 +1.24% 211.49 +1.30% Two-Sided index

THE indexes rose after two days of losses, led by Bezeq, which stands to benefit from an expansion of India's telephone network.

Bezeq, listed on the Maof Index, rose 3.25 percent, boosted by news that India's Supreme Court had ruled in favor of the government's decision to issue licenses for basic telephone services.

The court decision paves the way for Bezeq's participation in providing lucrative phone services in three regions in India.

The Maof Index rose 1.3 percent to 211.49 and the Two-Sided Index rose 1.24% to 203.16. Of 99 issues trading across the exchange, twice as many shares rose as fell.

More than NIS 82 million worth of shares traded, NIS 22.7m. above Monday's level and about even with the average daily trading level last week. "The market is going up across

the board," said Dan Kitri, an analyst at Tel Aviv's Bank Otzar HaHayal. Rising share prices were prompted in part by expectations that forth-quarter 1995 company reports will reveal rising profits.

Publication of most earnings reports is due to begin later this

Kitri added that he expects share prices to rise as elections approach.

'Ahead of the elections, investors will move from shekels to

Maof index dollars," Kitri said. "This will weaken the shekel against the

dollar, which will add to export-

ers' profits." Gaining shares listed on the Maof Index included Bank Hapoalim, which rose 1.5% after Monday announcing it was negotiating to sell a stake in Ampal-American Israel Corp., an Israeli investment company traded in New York, to the Steinmetz

The bank would not specify the transaction's value, saying in a statement that it would be higher than the market value.

Bank Hapoalim denied news reports that it is negotiating to sell stakes in several of its other assets to Japan's Sumitomo Corp.

Other gaining shares included Clal Industries, which rose 2.5%. Clal Industries said earlier this week that it was negotiating to buy a 50% stake in the dairy business owned by Kibbutz Yotvata for NIS 100m.

Cial Industries' parent company, holding company Clai (Israel), rose 1.5% and Clal Electronic Industries rose 0.5%.

Chemical shares rose for a second day after Makhteshim Chemical Works Ltd. and Agan Chemical Manufacturers Ltd. announced that they had jointly purchased a stake in a Brazilian pesticide company in a bid to expand their business in South

Makhteshim rose 0.75% and Agan went up 2%. (Bloomberg)

Shaky Wall Street sends London prices lower

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Leading 2,382.61, down 15.67 points. In UK share prices closed lower yesterday, hit by falls in the bond Street, showing nervousness ahead of US Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's keynote speech. The FTSE 100 index closed 29.7 points down at

FRANKFURT - German bourse trade ended with the market down over half a percentage point, dragged down by weaker bonds and the dollar. The stock market failed to build on a prebourse recovery. The market was uncertain, awaiting the Wall Street opening. The IBIS DAX index was seen holding around 2,380. Carvival holidays were also curbing volumes. The 30share DAX index ended at close at 11.594.99.

post-bourse trade the DAX index stood at 2,373.01. TOKYO - Tokyo stocks took a

pounding early yesterday as the dollar's plunge overnight caused a flurry of selling. But shares then regained most of their losses after the dollar staged a spectacular rebound on BOJ intervention and news of Japan's currency pact with Asian nations. The 225share Nikkei average ended down 65.58 points or 0.32 percent at 20,655.67.

HONG KONG - The Hong Kong stock market is closed from Monday for the Chinese New Year holidays and will reopen on Thursday. On Friday, The Hang Seng index rose 123.18 points to

Stocks follow bonds sharply lower on Wall Street

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks fell ly on track for sustained growth." sharply with bonds yesterday, extending last week's retreat from record levels as economic conin profits from this year's surprisingly powerful rally. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age fell 44.79 points to close at 5,458.53. The well-known batometer of blue chip companies has now shed about 140 points in four sessions after rising nearly 500 points in the new year and cracking the 5,600-mark for the first time just a week ago.

of the day before plunging at midafternoon, dragging stocks lower, as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan delivered his semiannual report to Congress.

Greenspan, whose typically

Bond prices were lower most

cautious remarks are closely monitored for any clues on the direction of interest rates, said the nation's economy is "basical-

He also did not rule out further interest rate cuts to ensure continued growth, but his comments cerns prompted investors to lock apparently weren't soothing enough to calm jittery investors concerned about interest rates. The 30-year Treasury bond lost

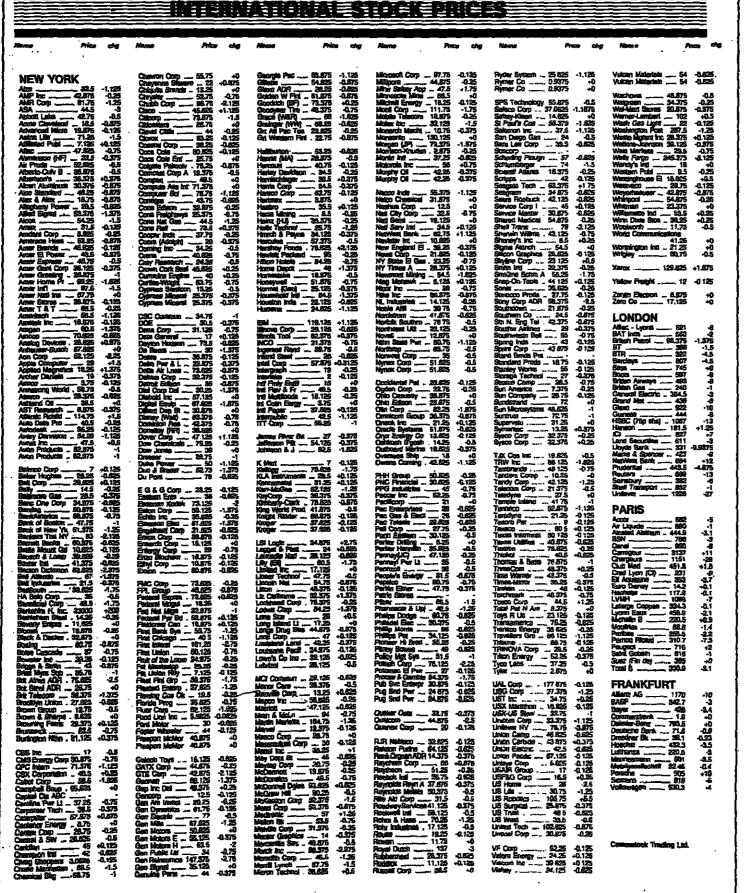
more than 2 points with its interest rate rising above 6.4 percent. Higher interest rates can raise borrowing costs, impeding economic growth by slowing spending and investment among companies and consumers.

"Interest rates are beginning to cast quite a shadow over the market." said Brian Belski managing director at Dain Bosworth Inc. in

The stock market's impressive rally since late-January was largely inspired by optimism for another cut in interest rates. On Jan. 31, the Fed delivered its third rate cut since midsummer.

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Due to technical difficulties we are unable to provide Tel Aviv stock data today. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Cronje sweeps SA to win

FAISALABAD, Pakistan (Reuter) - Captain Hansie Cronje inspired South Africa to a comfortable five-wicket victory over New Zealand in its World Cup Group B match yesterday.

Containing New Zealand to 177 for nine off 50 overs with a fine display in the field, South Africa showed early aggression with the bat to race to victory with 12.3-

Cronje, who made 57 in his team's win against the United Arab Emirates in Rawalpindi last Friday, hammered 78 as South Africa raced home at 178 for five off 37.3 overs.

The win, watched by a paltry crowd of just over 2,000, enabled South Africa to displace New Zealand at the top of Group B.

New Zealand, despite its lowly score, might have made a contest of the game had they not spilt three possible catches from South Africa's opening pair in the first eight overs - twice off Steve Palframan and once from Gary

South Africa's opening pair

used their good fortune to put on 41 in nine overs and set the foundation, but it was an aggressive innings by No. 3 Cronje that carried his side to its seventh successive one-day international

The 26-year-old captain scored his 50 off 36 balls, including six fours and two sixes - the second of which brought up the half-century.

It was the fastest 50 of the World Cup so far, eclipsing Chris Cairns' 37-ball effort for New Zealand against the Netherlands in Baroda, India, on Saturday. Cronje was eventually out in

Nathan Astle's first over, caught by Stephen Fleming for 78 off 64

Astle also took the wicket of Daryll Cullinan, who again played a supporting role, for 27.

New Zealand failed to get out of the starting blocks in its innings after captain Lee Germon won the toss and elected to bat on a flat strip at the Jobal stadium. Astle was run out for one in the

second over in another mix-up with fellow opener Craig Spearman, as had happened in the previous match against the Dutch.

The South African fielders pulled off two more run-outs with direct hits and shackled New Zealand's batsmen with tight fielding and bowling.

Fleming top scored for New Zealand with 33 before being bowled by McMillan, and Germon made a valiant effort to end the innings with a flourish, hitting 31 not out.

Fast bowler Allan Donald took three for 34 in his 10 overs but off-spinner Pat Symcox, playing his first World Cup match, was the pick of the bowlers, conceding iust 25 runs off his 10 overs. South Africa's coach Bob

Woolmer described their fielding as the best he had seen by the team since he took charge two years ago. "It's discipline we have been working on for a while now,"

added Cronje, at the same time praising his bowlers. "I thought it was a wicket that would yield around 240 runs,"

said the captain.

disappointed Germon described his team's performance as amateurish, particularly their work in the field.

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LANDOVER, (AP) - There was no subtle end to Connecticut's 23-game winning streak. Georgetown yanked it away.

Rantled by a suffocating defense that produced 14 steals - eight by Allen Iverson - and denied Ray Allen the ball, the third-ranked Huskies saw their chance of a perfect Big East season end Monday night in a 77-65 defeat to the 11th-ranked Hoyas.

Georgetown (22-5, 11-4 Big East) ended a fivegame losing streak against the Huskies and remained unbeaten in 14 games this season at USAir Arena.

Connecticut (24-2, 14-1) hadn't lost since Iowa beat it in the semifinals of the season-opening Great Alaska Shootout. Its 14-0 Big East start matched the conference record set by St. John's in 1984-85. Georgetown also stopped that streak.

"I think it will send a message to a lot of other teams," Iverson said. "Not to brag, but in our last game against Memphis, we played real good as well, so I think people know now that we're going to be a contender.

In addition to the steals, Iverson had 26 points on 11-for-21 shooting and six assists. Of equal importance was a supporting cast which gave him plenty of help, something that's been absent so often in Georgetown's inconsistent play on the road.

Jerome Williams had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Boubacar Aw and Jerry Nichols each scored 11. In addition, Aw, Iverson, Nichols and Victor Page each had a turn covering Allen, who finished 5-for-18 with

For the first time a team attacked us and we didn't respond," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "We

high 27 points as the New Jersey

streak to a season-best four games

by beating the Washington Bullets

and four blocks in his best game

since coming to the Nets from

Philadelphia in November. He

easily eclipsed his previous sea-

son high of 23 points and missed

matching his career best by one

The Bullets, playing their sec-ond game in less than 24 bours,

lost for the seventh time in eight

games. Calbert Cheaney scored 27 for Washington, which com-

Cavaliers 73, Heat 70

Terrell Brandon scored 27 points,

including two clinching free throws with 3.4 seconds left, and host

mitted 24 turnovers.

Bradley also had nine rebounds

99-81 Monday.

Georgetown, bolstered by a sellout crowd of 19,035 that provided by far the Hoyas' most vocal support this season, led 43-31 at halftime. The Huskies didn't

just didn't get any help.

trail during the second half of any game during their winning streak.

expected the challenge from a very good team, thought we could meet it and obviously didn't."

With Allen denied the ball, Doron Sheffer tried

valiantly to take up the void. He led the Huskies with

23 points on 6-of-8 shooting from 3-point range, but

"Maybe I'm going to say too many good things

about Doron, but, boy, was he good," Calhoun said.
"Iverson had some help tonight. Doron didn't. He

he also had nine of Connecticut's 20 impovers.

In other games involving ranked teams Monday night, it was No. 5 Kansas 81, Nebraska 71; No. 6. Cincinnati 69, Saint Louis 64; and No. 25 Wisconsin-Green Bay 81, Wisconsin-Milwankee 66.

GEORGETOWN 77, CONNECTICUT 65

CONNECTICUT (24-2) King 4-8 0-0 8, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, Knight 3-8 7-9 13, Sheffer 8-14 1-1 23, Alien 5-18 0-1 13, Jones 0-3 1-2 1, hyatkin 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 1-4 0-0 2, Hayward 0-0 0-0 0, Klaiber 0-0 0-0 0, Carson 1-1 1-1 3. Totals 23-57 10-14 65.

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GEORGETOWN (22-5)

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Nichols 4-7 0-0 11, Writta 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-59 6-7 77.

Haitime-Georgetown 43, Connecticut 31. 3-Point

poals-Connecticut 9-16 (Sheffer 6-8, Alien 3-6, Jones 0-1, Moore

0-1), Georgetown 5-12 (Nichols 3-5, Page 1-2, Iverson 1-5).

Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Connecticut 36 (Knight 10).

Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Connecticut 17 (Moore 6),

Georgetown 10 (Williams 10). Assists-Connecticut 17 (Moore 6),

Georgetown 14. (Iverson 6). Total fouls-Connecticut 14,

Georgetown 13. A-19,035.

'Partial satisfaction' with UEFA move

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - The European Commission said yesterday it was "partly satisfied" with a decision by European soccer's ruling body UEFA to scrap restrictions on foreign players in its club competitions.

But it said it wants soccer clubs and associations to fall into line immediately with UEFA's commitment and not wait until next

The Commission welcomed the move, which was announced on Monday, but was concerned about press reports suggesting some player restrictions would remain or new ones would be introduced. European Union sources said.

"Commissioners Padraig Flynn and Karel Van Miert have welcomed with 'partial satisfaction' the UEFA announcement," the Commission said in a statement.

UEFA announced in London it was scrapping its "3+2" restrictions, which allow clubs to field only three foreign players plus two "assimilated players".

But it said it expected clubs in the three European club competitions to adhere voluntarily to the "3+2" system for the rest of this season's campaigns.

Employment Commissioner Flynn and Competition Commissioner Van Miert, however, want the changes to become effective

immediately, the Commission said. It said no transition periods were allowed under a European Court of Justice ruling in the Bosman case in December that UEFA transfer fee rules and restrictions on the number of nonnational players violated EU law.

The Commission has threatened to fine UEFA if it does not comply with the ruling by early March.

Spokesman Willy Helin said the Commission had not received an official notification yet from UEFA and was reacting only to press reports.

The English Premier League, which has already swept away restrictions in the domestic setting, said: "We welcome UEFA's announcement on the three plus two rule. It means clubs now have the certainty for next season that we have been seeking. They can start planning now.

UEFA is planning to meet the European Players' Union FIFPRO on Friday to discuss alternative concepts.

FIFPRO chief Gordon Taylor will be joined by player representatives from England, the Netherlands, France, Spain and Italy for the meeting, which will seek to establish common ground with UEFA.

English Premier League chief executive Rick Parry said UEFA did not have the power to impose a single system Europe-wide,

"It must be made absolutely clear that it is those responsible for running the professional game in the respective countries who have to deal with domestic rules and regulations," he said.

"It is our view that if future change is needed, then that can only be done through a direct dialogue with the professional game. "In particular, we believe that it is important

for the good of the game that the right steps are taken to protect the domestic transfer system. "We will continue with our own dialogue with the European Commission as part of the

Nets stretch streak to four LANDOVER, Maryland (AP) -Cleveland got its eighth straight vic-

UConn's streak snapped

Shawn Bradley scored a season-With the Heat trailing 71-70. Bimbo Coles missed two foul shots that would have given them the lead with Nets stretched their winning 10.2 seconds to play. The rebound of his second shot was knocked out of bounds off teammate Billy Owens. That forced Miami to foul, and

Cleveland was able to get the clock down to 3.4 seconds before Brandon went to the line. Miami's Rex Chapman missed

adiy on a 3-pointer at the buzzer.
Pistons 113, Timberwotves 83
Terry Mills scored 13 of his 17 oints during the second quarter, and host Derroit went to on to its largest victory margin since a 121-81 victory at Orlando in 1991.

Minnesota closed to 70-56 midway through the third quarter, but Otis Thorpe scored seven points during a 19-4 run that turned the game into a

Warriors 112, Mavericks 100 Latrell Spreweil scored 22 points as host Dallas went down to its seventh loss in eight games.

BJ Armstrong and Joe Smith scored.
19 points each, and Rony Seikaly had18 points and 12 rebounds for the

Warriors, who won for the third time in four gan Rockets 118, Kings 111 (OT) Hakeem Olajuwon scored 40 points, including the first six points in

an overtime win at home. The Kings, trying to stop a six-game. losing streak, forced the overtime when Tyrone Corbin grabbed a wildly careening ball and made a 3-pointer at

the buzzer of regulation, tying the score at 103. Houston gave the ball inside to Olajuwon in the overtime. After be gave Houston a 109-107 lead, Som Cassell made eight straight free

throws to seal the victory. MONDAY'S RESULTS: Houston 118, Sacramento 111 (OT) Seattle 102, Atlanta 94 Golden State 112, Dallas 100 Detroit 113, Minnesota 83 Cleveland 73, Miami 70 Phoenix 98, Vancouver 94 (OT)

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Israel hosts Lithuania in soccer friendly

DEREK FATTAL

THE NATIONAL soccer squad is back in action this evening, playing against Lithuania in a friendly match at Kiryat Eliezer, as both sides continue preparations for the World Cup qualifiers that begin later this year.

Israel fell to a disappointing 2-1 defeat against Greece last month, and coach Shlomo Scharf will be demanding a much more professional performance from his men The Lithuanians are today. unlikely to prove to be a pushover for the hosts. The side finished third in European Championship qualifying Group 4, being eclipsed by the impressive Croatians and the Italians. Out of 10 qualifying matches, the Lithuanians chalked up five wins, and managed a draw against Croatia to finish third in its group

with 16 points. The Israelis mean-

while came in fifth in qualifying

Group I; amassing 13 points. Efforts to get Ronnen Harazi fit for tonight's game will continue this morning. If the Betar Jerusalem striker does not make the opening line-up, Haim Revivo, the National League's top scorer, is likely to be moved upfield to spearhead the attack.

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Bonny Ginsburg is Scharf's preferred starter between the posts. with Rafi Cohen switching at the break. Tal Banin, Alon Hazan and Eyal Berkowitz are likely to open in midfield with either Maccabi Tel Aviv's Itzik Zohar or Hapoel Haifa's Reuven Azar joining them. With five substitutes allowed, both coaches are likely to make liberal use of the bench.

The match, which has generat-

ed extra interest due to the pres-

ence of Manchester United talent

scout Les Kershaw, kicks off at

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5:00 pm.

Charlie O. Finley at 77

CHICAGO (Reuter) - Charles O. Finley, one of the most colorful team owners in recent baseball history, died Monday of heart disease at 77.

Finley's Oakland A's won three

consecutive World Series from

1972-74 and five straight divisional titles with a mix of good playing and lively showmanship. He assembled stars such as Reggie Jackson, Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Vida Blue and Rollie Fingers and gave the team a dis-tinctive look by financially encouraging players to grow han-

gaudy uniforms. Some of his ideas never took off, however, such as a suggestion to introduce orange baseballs to

dlebar moustaches and wear

make them easier for fans to see. Others however, like the designated hitter and night World Series, have become integral parts of the sport Finley's ego was also legendary

he supposedly told slugger

Reggie Jackson that he was God -

and he once sued baseball's commissioner for invalidating a sale of three of his stars. Finley's reign came to an end when players' salaries started to escalate in the mid 1970s. He resisted the higher pay and started

trading and let his best players go. "I just couldn't compete with the idiotic, astronomical and unjustified salaries of today's players," Finley said in 1980 when he sold the team

SCOREBOARD

BRITISH SOCCER: The FA Cup 5th-round tie between Nottingham Forest and Tottenham, abandoned after 15 minutes (0-0) yesterday because of snow, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 28.

NHL: Monday's Results - Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 1; Boston 3, Los Angeles 3; Tampa Bay 4, Dallas 2; Detroit 4, Vancouver 3; Colorado 7, Edmonton 5. Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

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MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

GEORGIAN piznist Alexander Korsantiya has returned yet again. The winner of last year's Artur. Rubinstein International Master Piano Competition is giving two recitals in homage to Rubinstein. The benefits will go to the competition. Tonight at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. Korsantiya performs selections by Bach, Haydn and Chopin and concludes the program with Prokofiev's Eighth Sonata. He repears the same program Saturday at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem, 8:30.

Wolfgang Seeliger leads the Israel Chamber Orchestra and the Darmstadt Choir in Telemann's St. Matthew Passion and Vivaldi's Gloria tonight and tomorrow at the Noga Theatre in Jaffa. Friday at 12:30 he leads the Darmstadt Choir in an acappella program featuring romantic choral music, at the Tel Aviv Museum.

Choral music lovers can also join the Israel Music Conservatory, Tel" Aviv's choral singing club tonight (8:30) where the Na ama women's choir is the host and the audience can sing as well. At the same place and time on Saturday the Israel Trio performs piano trios by Schubert and Schumann.

JAZZ .

HELEN KAYE

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FLAMENCO and jazz mix 'n' match in the music of Spanish saxophonist Pedro Iturralde whose speciality is finding the commonality between traditional jazz and the rhythms of his native land. He's played with the likes of Donald Bird and Lee Konitz as well as with the Spanish Symphony and other orchestras. Pianist Yaron Gottfried, bass guitarist Arye Wollnitz, Roni Holen on drums and (a first) flamenco dancers are part of the program. Tonight at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem at 9 p.m.

FILM

Adina Hoffman

** BLUE IN THE FACE - Billed as a companion piece to last year's Smoke, this new film by Wayne Wang and Paul Auster is more of a footnote guidance suggested.)



the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

to the original. It's a breezy compendium of improvised schmooze sessions, all-star cameos, and comic man-on-the-street surveys, designed to flesh out the supporting cast of the first movie and to honor, as one interviewee puts it, "the hippest of all the boroughs," Brooklyn.

What results, not surprisingly, is a decidedly mixed bag: a patchy work that gets away with a great deal of silliness - even shoddiness - by dint of its gusto and playful atmosphere. On the one hand, we're treated to the amazing Lou Reed, philosophizing amazingly and straight into the carnera about the perils of life in Sweden, his forgotten childhood and why he continues to smoke. On the other hand, certain sketches just never get off the ground. They seem thin and, too often, indulgent. With Harvey Keitel, Lily Tomlin, Madonna, Roseanne, Jim Jarmusch, Michael J. Fox and others. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Founder Patrick finds

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reverse (5) 9 Was a member with the

French model? (7) 10 One keeps stocking up (9)

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visible in the main (3,2,3,7) 18 It is peaceful when Henry and Constance accept

20 Star may work with us (?) 22 Snow-drop? (9) 23 Stating one's piece, and

24 One does not like the earth being dug up (5) 25 In case it might reduce

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DOWN -

1 Bird destroying ant-heaps 2 The difference between

exports and imports? (5,3) 3 Some claim puree was tainted (6)

4 Primate rushes about (6) 5 He left one to go down in capital (8)

6 A real sportsman who is unswervingly faithful (4-4) 7 Minded being watched (6) 8 One of us has a merciless

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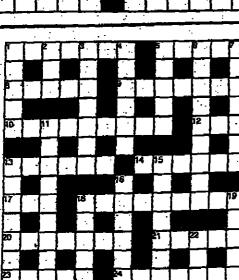
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9 Stonework (7) 10 Assimilation of food (9) 12 Signal (3) 13 Monastery (6)

14 Raise in relief (6) 17 Small bite (3) 18 Hindu instructor 20 Distorted (7)

21 Heavy stick (5)

28 Behind bars (5)

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7 Lack of water (7) 11 Catching sight of 13 Devotee (7) 15 Ethically (7)

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14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Film 16:30 Moomins 16:55 Heathcliff 17:20 Inspector Gadget 17:45 Superbook 18:10 Hart To Hart 19:10 Magrum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 Coach 21:30 Matlock 22:20 Murder She Wrote 23:10 The 700 Club 00:00

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■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 The Opponent (1987) - action movie about a boxer trying to launch his career (89 mins.) 12:05 Smashup (1947) - melodrama about a nightclub singer (Susan Hayward) who turns to alcohol for comfort (103 mins.) 13:55 The Christmas Tree (1969) - drama with William Holden about about the last months of the life of a boy exposed to radioactivity (103 mins.) 15:40 Where Angels Fear to Tread (1991) (rpt) 17:35 Samantha (rpt) 19:15 Carolina Skeletons (1991) - Louis Gosset Jr. returns to his childhood home in South Carolina after 30 years and discovers that he had an older brother who was executed for murdering two white women (93 mins.) 20:50 What's New at the Movies 21:00 A Diary of a Hit Man (1991) - hit man decides to retire but is persuaded to take on another job. With Forest Whitaker and James Belushi (86 mins.) 22:30 The Arrry Fisher Story (1993) - based on the true story, starring Drew Barrymore (93 mins.) 00:10 Backstreet Justice (1993) (rpt)

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■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Especially on Sunday (1991, Italian) - four short films dealing with love-hate relationships including one by Giuseppe Tornatore (director of Cinema Paradiso) (109 mins.) 23:50 Die Ehe der Maria Braun (1979, West German) - drama starring Hanna Schygutla as a tough and successful businesswoman in the new Germany who has a past to hide (115 mins.)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education 12:00 Equinox 9 13:00 Air Combat 14:00 Open University 16:00 Equinox 9 17:00 Air Combat 18:00 Open University 20:00 Underwater World: Shark Files 21:00 Nature Films 22:00 Future Quest 22:30 Connections 23:00 Underwater World: Shark Files 23:45 Open University

■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Haram Alek 18:30 Panel discussion in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs We Loved 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Nostalgia 00:00 Closedown

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Science enrichment 17:00 At the Bottom of the Sea with Delphi 17:30 Time Out 18:00 The Shakespearean Theater 18:30 Family Relations - Young parents and the first baby 19:00 Everything's Open - the Hebrew language 19:30 A Matter of Time 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subti-ties) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 Zero Hour - education magazine 21:30 Behind the Scenes - documentary on Cliff Richard 22:30 Spirited Talk -Darwin's theory of evolution

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6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 7:30 Steals and Deals 8:00 Today 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Voyager 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Supersport 24:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 01:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

STAR PLUS

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Basketball, Orlando vs Indiana
21:45 English soccer – Live broadcast of Coca-Cola cup semi-final
Arsenal vs Aston Villa 00:00 Boxing **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Adventure Sports 10:00 Cross-Country Skiing 11:00 Snowmobile 12:00 Fencing 13:00 Euroski Magazine 13:30 Trail 14:30 Slam: International Basketball Magazine 15:00 Show Jumping 16:00 ATP Tennis Tournament 20:00 International Motorsports Magazine 21:00 ATP Tennis Tournament 24:00 WTA Tennis Toumament

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BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 BBC Newsday 6:05 Actors and Stars with Arnold Schwarzenegger 10:05 Horizon 11:30 Time Out: Film '96 14:15 Panorama 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia Pacific 16:25 Fashion Magazine 17:05 Timewatch 18:30 Tomorrow's World 19:15 World Business Report 19:30 International Motorsports Magazine 22:05 Watergate 23:30 Food and Drink 00:00 Asia Today

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■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Schubert Quintet in C for strings; Weber. Clarinet concerto no 1; Mozart. Concerto in E flat for 2 pianos and concerto in E nar ror 2 prantos and orch K365; Mahler: Symphony no 5 12:00 Light Classical - The Beatles in classical arrangement 13:00 Melos Quartet - Schubert: String quartet no 14 in D minor D810; Leo Weiner String quartet no 3 in G op 26 14:06 Encores and Keys 16:00 Rachmaninoff: Piano sonata no 1 in D tninor op 28; Tchaikovsky: Symphony no 2 "Little Russian;" Anton no 2 "Little Russian:" Anton Rubinstein: Piano concerto no 4 18:00 Vaughan Williams: Ballet suite for flute and piano; Poulenc: 2 Noctumes and Intermezzo in A flat (Rogé, piano), Song cycle; Faure: Sonata no 1 in A for violin and piano op 13 (Bell, Thibaudet); Arensky: Suite no 1 for 2 pianos op 15; Glinka: Trio in D minor Révérie et caprice for violin and orch; Tchaikovsky: excerpts from Swan Lake 20:05 From Our Concert Halls --Israel Camerata Rehovot, cond. Avner Biran, soloists, Rheinische Kantorei choir. Bach: St Matthew Passion 23:00 Golden Generation Maria Yudina, Schubert 2 Imprompti, op 90 nos 3 and 4; Beethoven: Sonata

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Barak to make fence-mending Russian visit

FOREIGN Minister Ehud Barak is to make a short visit to Russia next month and meet with his new counterpart, Yevgeny Primakov, for a discussion of various topics in dispute between the two countries. Israel considers that the relationship has deteriorated recently and Barak will seek to keep this from continuing.

Primakov's appointment in January signaled a new trend in Russian foreign policy toward the Middle East; mainly because of his reputation as a devoted Arabist and track record as one who fought to establish a Russian foothold in the region.

Primakov is also seen as an activist who believes that Russia must make an effort to reassert its role as a superpower. One way he is expected to do so is by stressing Russia's importance to the peace process. In this regard, he recently met with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and peace coordinator Dennis Ross. The meeting lasted seven and a half

One of the things Primakov is reported as having told Christopher is that Russia will no

ISRAEL'S representatives at an

international anti-terror conference

in the Philippines have found that

several Islamic Asian nations

which until now have had no offi-

cial relations with Israel are willing

Internal Security Ministry

Lapidot, heading the Israeli delegation, said Pakistan in particular

had shown willingness to estab-

lish ties with Israel on security-

expressed similar interest,

Lapidot said in an interview on

Israel Radio yesterdayını Xigal

Pressler, the prime minister's

adviser on terror, is also part of

the Israeli delegation at the five-

day conference, which opened

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to cooperate in the war on terror.

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related matters.

Indonesia and

longer be satisfied with its quiet, formal role in the Middle East

Among the issues Barak is to take up with Primakov is Russia's refusal to abandon its construction of nuclear reactors in Iran. An issue Primakov is expected to raise is what Russia considers to be the contemptible treatment of its businessmen in Israel. There are also a number of legal issues to be resolved concerning Russian rights to former Soviet property in Israel.

In another diplomatic matter, visiting Paraguayan Foreign Minister Luis Maria Ramirez Boettner told Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday his country is interested in attracting widescale Israeli investments. Boettner was also hosted yester-

day by Barak, who surveyed developments in the peace process. The two signed a cultural cooperation agreement at the end

of their meeting.

Boettner is the first Paraguayan foreign minister and most senior of its officials to visit here. Paraguay moved its embassy to Mevasseret Zion, near Jerusalem,

These are countries I don't

believe we have met before on

subjects related to fighting terror."

Lapidot said, in reference to meet-

ings the Israelis are holding with

representatives from Indonesia.

Pakistan, and Malaysia. "Pakistan

suffers from terror, particularly from Islamic terror," Lapidot said.

They are willing to cooperate in

all areas - intelligence, weaponry,

developing technology. ... The

Pakistani representatives are

the annual conference, including

the US, Japan, Great Britain,

Russia, Egypt and Italy. Next

year's meeting is likely to be held in Pakistan. according to Lapidot.

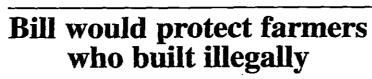
Nineteen countries are attending

expressing incredible openness."

Islamic Asian nations

want help against terror

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EVELYN GORDON



The bill, which will now go to the plenum for its first reading. suspends all legal proceedings against people who illegally erected industrial or commercial buildings on agricultural lands, for a period of 18 months. The bill would not even permit the state to carry out a sentence against someone who has already been convicted in court.

The Agriculture. Justice. Interior and Environment ministries all opposed the bill, charging it gives an unjustified general amnesty to violators.

"I want to warn the Knesset against lending its hand to lawlessness and legislation that suspends legal proceedings against criminals, which has no precedent

in any parliament in the world," said Avraham Poraz (Meretz), who agreed with the government's position. "It is wrong to legitimize crimes that have been Committee's decision on illegal building on the moshavim constitutes contempt for the rule of law in Israel.

Committee chairman Gideon Patt (Likud) rejected this charge, however, saying an 18-month ban on legal proceedings is not the same as a general amnesty. This grace period, he said, is merely meant to give farmers time to request an exemption from the planning and building laws, in accordance with the Kadmon Report.

Furthermore, he said, these crimes did not result in any significant environmental damage.
"Had the government dealt with

the issue in time, part of the problem wouldn't exist now," he

Histadrut must decide whether to dismiss indicted state's witness

MICHAL YUDELMAN

NEWS IN BRIEF

night, turned himself in yesterday morning to Messubim police. He

Late Monday night, Bernstein's parents contacted police and told

Micha Bernstein, 20, who escaped from Shata Prison Saturday.

them he wanted to give himself up. It is still unclear how he escaped. He told police he had been overcome by a strong need to see his family, and especially his girlfriend. A board of inquiry was

A 17-year-old Kafr Yamon resident was remanded for 10 days by

the Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday on suspicion of murdering

Revivo was found stabbed to death in the back of the Haifa

Municipality's education department. The suspect was originally arrested for being in Israel illegally. Police said the suspect

TA man gets six years for stabbing Our Gabrielov, 36, of Tel Aviv was sentenced to six years in jail

The prosecution charged that as a result of the stabbing, the

woman had to undergo an operation to remove part of her liver.

Gabrielov confessed to the crime.

yesterday at Ofakim's Ouman factory, which it shut two months

Sixty of the workers who had been dismissed were asked to

Monday to fill orders received and to use up the raw materials at the plant. However, the workers were told the work was for a

temporarily resume production at the factory. They did so on

ago, while contacts continued with entrepreneurs interested in

and three years' suspended for stabbing his ex-wife's mother after

Escaped prisoner turns himself in

Territories' resident held for murder

confessed to the murder and reenacted it for the police.

an argument last August regarding child visitation rights.

Polgat restarts work at Ouman factory

Polgat conglomerate officials partially renewed production

Tirat Carmel resident Amram Revivo last April.

THE Histadrut leadership will decide in the next few days whether to dismiss Uzi Fassa. indicted this week for fraud in connection with the financial irregularities in the labor federation.

Fassa, whose testimony as state's witness played a key role in the criminal investigation against former Histadrut higher-ups, served as director of Mifalei Tarbut, the Histadrut company in charge of printing and event pro-ductions for the Histadrut and the Labor Party.

Fassa's testimony led to the investigation against Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, formerly Histadrut secretary-general, former secretary-general Haim Haberfeld, and former Histadrut treasurer Artur Yisraelovitz, among others, for allegedly using Histadrut funds

in their election campaigns. So far, only MK Avi Yehezkel and Fassa have been indicted, and at this stage it does not appear that charges will be filed against

was taken back to prison.

buying the plant.

appointed to investigate the escape.

Haberfeld or the other former senior officials.

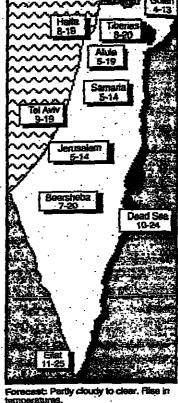
According to the indictment, Fassa helped transfer funds from the Histadrut coffers, via the company he headed to Haberfeld's campaign staff.

In the January 1994 Labor Party primaries for the Histadrut elections, Passa was asked to carry out various projects for incumbent secretary-general Haberfeld, who was Labor's candidate.

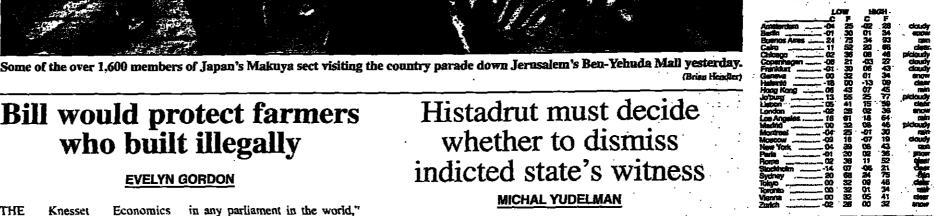
At the end of the primaries,

Passa learned that the projects for Haberfeld's campaign cost NIS 765,000. Since Fassa couldn't charge Haberfeld's staff for the work without presenting signed work orders, he decided to collect the fee by fraud from various Histadrut departments, the charge sheet says.

Fassa allegedly wrote seven fraudulent invoices to the Histadrut's trade union section. administration and personnel sec-



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards &numbers In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the jack of spades, nine of hearts, ace of diamonds, and seven of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 4, 8, 18, 35, 38, and 47 and the additional number was 13.

Another Rachel's tomb stirs controversy

LIAT COLLINS

WHILE the dispute over Rachel's Tomb near Bethlehem has been covered considerably in the press, quiet argument has been going on between Jews and Moslems over another Rachel's tomb, in Tiberias.

According to Shas leader Aryeh Deri, the tomb is that of Rabbi Akiva's wife Rachel, and in recent years a yeshiva has been established there which has become the

site of Jewish pilgrimages.

At a meeting of the Knesset
Interior Committee yesterday, Deri complained that Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet had told the Knesset plenum that it is a Moslem site taken over by Jews.

Amir Drori, the head of the Antiquities Authority, said the structure above the gravesite is from the 13th century but is built from a syvagogue from an earlier period. Rabbi Rafael Cohen, responsible for renovations at the site, said he is convinced it is the tomb of Rabbi Akiva's wife. Because of the Id il-Fitr holiday. there were no Moslems present at the discussion. The assistant legal adviser for the Religious Affairs Ministry, Ayal Nun, said Shetreet had appointed a committee to examine the issue.

He said scores of Moslems had asked the committee to stop the activities at the site. Several religious and opposition MKs said the Moslem claims to the site had only started after the renovations had been carried out. "The place was neglected and didn't interest a single Moslem until Rabbi Cohen renovated it," said MK Rafael Pinhasi (Shas). Committee chairman Yehoshua Matza (Likud) suggested that the ministry's recommendations be presented to the committee only after the elections in order to separate possible electoral influences from the report. He also called for the committee to include more archeologists specializing in the area of Land of Israel studies

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To the Members of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency and the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations

"Who Is a Jew

Today, the Knesset will vote on a bill, signed by 16 Orthodox MKs from the religious parties, that would prevent recognition of Conservative and Reform conversions in Israel, and raise again the issue of "Who is a Jew?". This bill effectively invalidates the Supreme Court efforts to grant equal status to all streams of Judaism in conversions, representation on religious councils, burials and life-cycle events.

Former Chief Justice Meir Shamgar of the Supreme Court wrote in his landmark ruling (November 1995): "How can a position be justified according to which a non-Orthodox conversion performed abroad is valid in Israel for the purpose of registration (as a Jew), but a conversion performed by the same Jewish movement in Israel is not valid for the same purpose?... Freedom of religion and conscience are among the fundamental the legislature, the more the freedom of religion and conscience of the country's



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limited time only, and many turned down the offer. tenets of our system... The more widely the area of religious conversion is regulated by Man gets life in jail for murdering his sister Hussam Kna'an, 24, convicted of murdering his sister, Ahlas, 38, was sentenced yesterday by the Haifa District Court to life inhabitants will be violated." imprisonment. Kna'an, from a Galilee village, shot his sister while she was visiting from the US in July 1994, because on a radio appearance in the US she called herself Ruth Canaan, which Passage of this bill is an affront to freedom of religion and freedom of conscience in he regarded as violating his family's honor. Israel. It undermines the Supreme Court's decision and dashes the hopes of the numerous converts who anxiously await recognition as Jews, as well as the new olim REGULAR TOURS, HOTELS, who wish to convert to Judaism! Raise your voice and join our struggle to prevent this legislation! As you meet with policymakers in Israel, raise your concerns with them now! Help us establish an open, pluralistic society in Israel! The Association for Civil Rights in Israel ARZENU-The International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists • The Center for Civil and Human Rights ● HEMDAT - Council for Freedom of Science, Religion and Culture in Israel ● MERCAZ -The Zionist Organization of the Conservative Movement • Mevakshei Derech Congregation and midnight express The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism ● Na'amat ● The New Israel Fund World Council of Conservative/Masorti Synagogues
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